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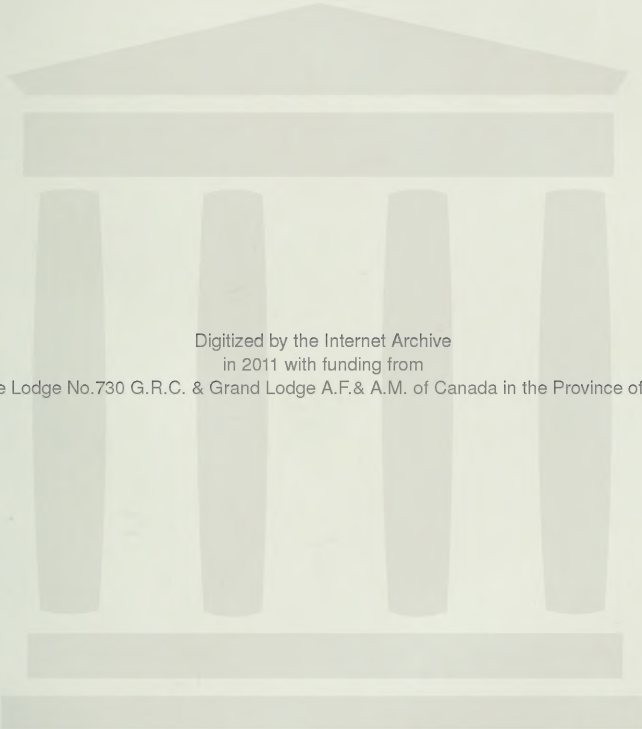
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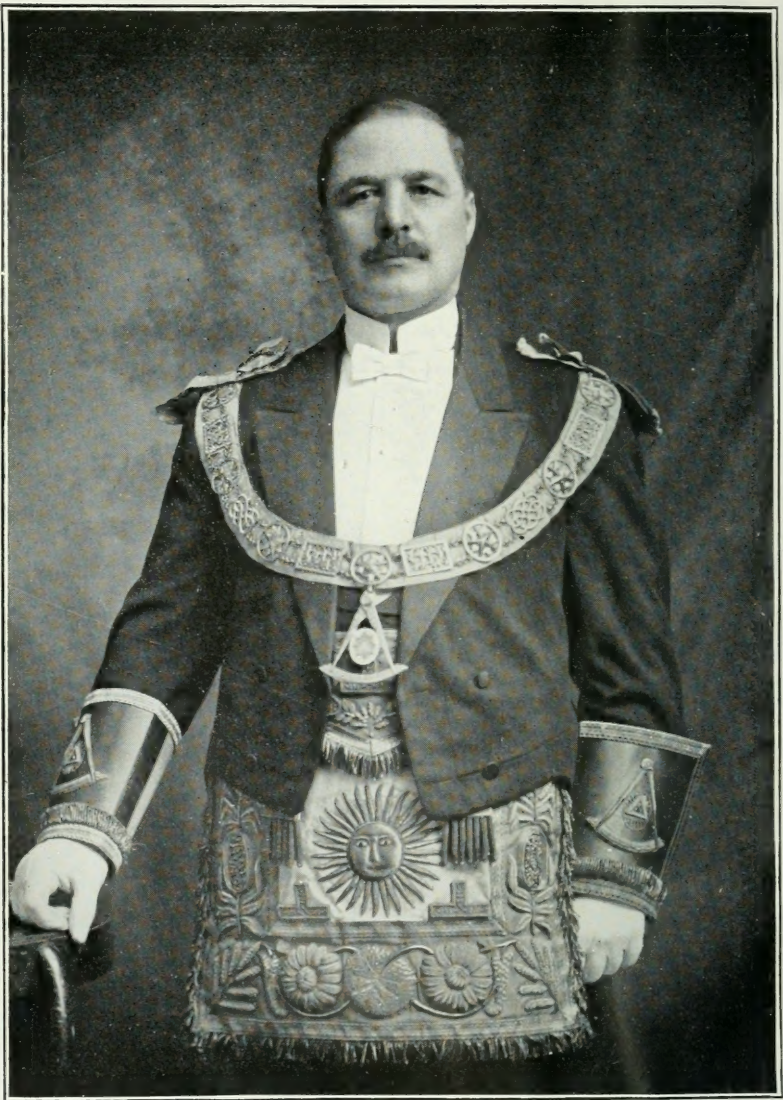
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M. W. BRO. SYDNEY ALBERT LUKE.

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SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

held at the City of

LONDON, ONTARIO

JULY 19th AND 20th, A. D. 1916, A. L. 5916



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Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Russell, Ontario, on Wednesday, the sixth day of October, A.D., 1915, A.L. 5915.

There were present:

M.W.Bro. Sydney A. Luke.....	Grand Master.
Bro. A. Sweet.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
V.W.Bro. H. Wilson.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. O. D. Casselman.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Wm. Northwood.....	as Grand Chaplain.
V.W.Bro. P. B. Proudfoot.....	as Grand Treasurer
Bro. J. A. Cochrane.....	as Grand Secretary.
Bro. Carl Conger.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.Bro. J. D. Stewart.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W.Bro. Walter Ross.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Bro. E. L. Bryan.....	as Grand Sword Bearer
Bro. J. W. Ball.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
Bro. J. E. Kyle.....	as Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
Bro. S. D. Hill.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. N. E. Ronan.....	as Grand Organist.
Bro. J. B. McVey.....	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W.Bro. H. McKeown.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W.Bro. Fred. Argue.....	} as Grand Stewards.
Bro. A. H. Hope.....	
Bro. B. F. Smith.....	
Bro. J. W. Wishart.....	
Bro. Donald McEachren.....	
Bro. J. A. Fielding.....	} as Grand Tyler.
Bro. Joseph Lasalle.....	

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2 o'clock p.m., by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under the Grand Director of Ceremonies and

marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOUR OF THE GREAT
ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

On the 6th day of October, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915, in the sixth year
of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign.

GEORGE V.

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith, EMPEROR OF INDIA.

His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT & STRATH-
EARN, K.G., K.P., G.M.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.,
G.C.V.O., P.C., being GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the
DOMINION OF CANADA.

His Honour Lieut.-Colonel SIR JOHN S. HENDRIE, C.V.O.,
being LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of the PROVINCE OF
ONTARIO.

His Honour SIR ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN, LL.D., K.C.,
being PREMIER of the DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Honourable W. H. HEARST, K.C., being PREMIER of the
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

The Honourable CHARLES MURPHY, being member for the
Constituency of RUSSELL COUNTY, in the Parliament of
the Dominion of Canada.

DAMASE RACINE, ESQUIRE, being member for the Constitu-
ency of RUSSELL COUNTY in the Legislative Assembly of
the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. SYDNEY A. LUKE, being Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. WM. H. WARDROPE, K.C., being Deputy Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. HENRY COX, being District Deputy Grand Master of
the Ottawa Masonic District No. 16.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Masonic Hall Building was laid by M. W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the Village of Russell and the surrounding country.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was reformed and the brethren returned to the lodge rooms, where Grand Lodge was closed.



Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of London, Ontario, commencing Wednesday, July 19th, A. D. 1916, A. L. 5916.

There were present: -

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.

R.W.Bro. George Moore.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. R. W. Clewlo.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Rev.W. H. Snelgrove.....	Grand Chaplain.
M.W.Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	Grand Secretary.
R.W.Bro. R. J. Gibson.....	as Grand Registrar
V.W.Bro. John Forgie.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
V.W.Bro. R. H. James.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. R. G. Allan.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
V.W.Bro. D. G. Sturrock.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R.W.Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....	as Asst. Grand Sec'y
V.W.Bro. John Pearson.....	as Asst. Grand Director of Cer.
V.W.Bro. W. S. McKay.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W.Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell.....	Grand Organist.
V.W.Bro. B. Cairns.....	as Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards:

V.W.Bro. L. F. Blanchard.....	Mallorytown.
V.W.Bro. A. S. Chrystal.....	Goderich.
V.W.Bro. Arthur Jemison.....	Millbrook.
V.W.Bro. Philip Proudfoot.....	Russell.
V.W.Bro. J. J. Wilson.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
V.W.Bro. H. J. Heath.....	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R.W.Bro. John W. Draper.....	Erie District.....	No. 1
R.W.Bro. P. P. Winn.....	St. Clair District.....	No. 2
R.W.Bro. G. H. Poada.....	London District.....	No. 3
R.W.Bro. H. W. Baker.....	South Huron District.....	No. 4
R.W.Bro. Wm. J. Loughleen.....	North Huron District.....	No. 5

R.W.Bro. Bertrand Blair.....	Wilson District.....	No. 6
R.W.Bro. Peter Perry.....	Wellington District.....	No. 7
R.W.Bro. Franklin Hanna.....	Hamilton District.....	No. 8
R.W.Bro. W. H. Tudhope.....	Georgian District.....	No. 9
R.W.Bro. Thos. A. Blakely.....	Georgian District.....	No. 9a
R.W.Bro. Jas. R. Fallis.....	Toronto West District.....	No. 11
R.W.Bro. W. H. Legge.....	Toronto East District.....	No. 11a
R.W.Bro. A. T. Lawler.....	Ontario District.....	No. 12
R.W.Bro. John D. Shurie.....	Prince Edward District.....	No. 13
R.W.Bro. John H. Birkett.....	Frontenac District.....	No. 14
R.W.Bro. Wm. H. Mowat.....	St. Lawrence District.....	No. 15
R.W.Bro. Henry Cox.....	Ottawa District.....	No. 16
R.W.Bro. E. E. Wood.....	Algoma District.....	No. 17
R.W.Bro. N. J. McCubbin.....	Nipissing District.....	No. 18
R.W.Bro. Robt. McConkey.....	Muskoka District.....	No. 19
R.W.Bro. Hy. T. Andrews.....	Otonabee District.....	No. 20
R.W.Bro. M.W. Shepherd.....	Eastern District.....	No. 21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES GRAND LODGE OF

M.W.Bro. J. Ross Roberston.....	England
R.W.Bro. A. J. Young.....	Alberta
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	British Columbia
R.W.Bro. J. A. C. Anderson.....	New Brunswick
R.W.Bro. Thomas Shanks.....	Quebec
R.W.Bro. John Boyd.....	New Zealand
R.W.Bro. G. S. May.....	Queensland
M.W.Bro. J. H. Burritt.....	South Australia
M.W.Bro. W. D. McPherson.....	Victoria
R.W.Bro. Isaac Huber.....	Connecticut
V.W.Bro. J. H. Flock.....	Idaho
R.W.Bro. Abraham Shaw.....	Illinois
M.W.Bro. D. F. Macwatt.....	Louisiana
R.W.Bro. W. H. Wardrope.....	Maryland
R.W.Bro. C. H. Haentschel.....	Minnesota
M.W.Bro. Sir. John M. Gibson.....	Montana
R.W.Bro. F. W. Harcourt.....	Nebraska
R.W.Bro. Wm. Rea.....	New Mexico
M.W.Bro. A. T. Freed.....	New York
R.W.Bro. J. C. Bartram.....	South Carolina
M.W.Bro. E. T. Malone.....	South Dakota
M.W.Bro. S. A. Luke.....	Vermont
R.W.Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....	Washington
M.W.Bro. J. E. Harding.....	West Virginia
R.W.Bro. A. E. Cooper.....	Belgium
R.W.Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Peru

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—M.W. Bros. J. Ross Robertson, Sir John M. Gibson, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, J. H. Burritt, A. T. Freed, D. F. Macwatt, W. D. McPherson.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—R.W. Bros. W. J. Drope, F. W. Harcourt, R. L. Gunn, A. Shaw, James Ross, J. B. Way, J. B. Nixon, J. A. Macfadden, C. W. Haentschel, G. R. Lloyd, W. M. Logan, R. W. Longmore, A. J. Brown, J. H. Cowan, B. S. Sheldon, F. A. Latshaw, W. N. Ponton, John Watson, Geo. S. May, J. B. McLean, W. H. Wardrope, C. G. Hulet, B. E. Thompson, J. E. Francis, J. M. A. Waugh, Isaac Huber, Wm. Hyndman, Jos. Beck, W. N. Gatfield, J. McC. Potts, J. W. Dutton, J. B. Begg, E. M. Carleton, L. G. Jarvis, Wm. Rea, J. A. Messecar, John Sinclair, Wm. Dawson, S. S. Clutton, J. W. Bethune, A. B. Crosby, J. A. C. Anderson, R. R. Hopkins, J. A. Watson, H. C. Scully, A. J. Young, Rev. Jas. Abery, Jas. A. Tancock, R. Healey, Samuel Dubber, Henry Roe, Alex. Saunders, Jas. McGregor, U. A. Buchner, Wm. Milner, Geo. Sutherland, S. J. Mallion, Thomas Shanks, J. E. Cohoe, D. B. Miller, A. E. Roberts, T. McKnight, F. H. Mallory, R. N. Fraser, Geo. Spotton, R. L. Guest, Geo. H. Smith, J. W. Metherell, Robt. Gracey, John Tanner, E. T. Essery, J. W. Wallace, D. J. Webster, Jos. Edgar, A. J. Anderson, W. F. Walters, J. W. Watson, Jos. Hillier, R. Clark, N. J. McAulay.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—R.W. Bros. Thomas Rowe, W. N. Shaver, H. W. Wilson, S. D. Warren.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R.W. Bros. P. A. Somerville, Roger Miller, A. E. Cooper, John Boyd, O. Ellwood, John Tanner, J. C. Bartram, H. T. White, T. G. Davis,

Past Grand Registrars—R.W. Bros. D. Rutherford, W. C. Wilkinson, Henry T. Smith, R. J. Gibson.

Past Grand Chaplains—R.W. Bros. Rev. G. A. Woodside, Rev. J. W. Hodgins.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—V.W. Bros. R. F. Richardson, John Forgie.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—V.W. Bros. H. J. Charles, D. Robertson, H. G. Lindsay.

Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies—V.W. Bro. John Pearson.

Past Grand Organists—V.W. Bros. F. P. Warne, J. B. Hutchins.

Past Assistant Grand Secretaries—V.W. Bro. G. B. Perry.

Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies—V.W. Bros. H. Hyndman, J. R. Livingston, A. J. Brown, A. G. Horwood, M. P. McMaster.

Past Grand Superintendents of Works—V.W. Bros. Thos. Cousins, Frank Saunders.

Past Grand Sword Bearers—V.W. Bros. Robt. Pye, W. E. Fitzgerald, A. R. Walker.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V.W. Bros. John Parsell, J. H. Elliott, Robt. Charlton.

Past Grand Stewards—V.W. Bros. N. Shaffley, H. F. Ketcheson, John Ritchie, R. T. Tindale, W. C. Benson, S. N. Morrison, J. F. Reid, R. Ferguson, W. H. Chittick, W. E. Birrell.

Past Grand Pursuivant—V.W. Bro. J. G. Constable.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF LONDON.

His Worship H. A. Stevenson, Mayor of the City of London, accompanied by Controller W. W. Gammage and Aldermen A. W. Palmer, G. A. Burdick, T. W. Copp and J. J. Dyer and City Clerk Samuel Baker, was introduced by V.W. Bro. D. G. Sturrock, G. D. of C., and delivered the following address of welcome:

To the Grand Master, Officers, and Representatives of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

It is my pleasing duty, as well as my privilege, to welcome you on behalf of the citizens of the city of London. When it became known that you had chosen our city for your annual meeting, we felt that you had displayed good judgment in the selection, and at the same time bestowed upon us an honour of which we justly feel proud. It is the desire of our citizens generally to extend a most hearty greeting and welcome to you, and, on their behalf, I appear before your Grand Lodge.

In 1908 when the Grand Lodge last visited London, the population was 47,769 and the assessment \$24,663,715.00. Today we have a population

of 58,055 and an assessment of \$39,509,797.00. The city has enjoyed a splendid growth and is financially in as sound a condition as any city in Ontario. Our Waterworks, a municipally owned department, supplies absolutely pure water. Our Hydro-Electric Department supplies us with electric light and power at, probably, the lowest rate in the Dominion, and as low as any on the continent. Our London and Port Stanley Railway, municipally owned, the first of municipal radial railways in Ontario, is proving a financial success, and possesses an unequalled roadbed and cars unexcelled. Ryerson School, one of our new schools, is the first of its kind in Ontario—a one-storey building. We have, during the past two or three years, constructed six schools that will compare favourably with any school building in the province. A visit to our factory section, in the south and east part of the city, will convince you that London's factories are in a very healthy condition indeed. We believe our present prosperity to be only the shadow of the great future in store for us.

Masonry occupies a large place in the esteem of this community. The respect and confidence of our people is based upon the manner in which the lodges and individuals who compose it, carry out the fundamental principles of the Order. When our Motherland, some two years ago, was plunged into the great European war, the Masonic fraternity of this City proved their loyalty to the Empire and the principles of their beloved Order by offering their lives in its defense, and by readily giving money to supply its needs. I feel that your coming among us will further stimulate the loyalty of our citizens, be an inspiration for good municipal government, and add to the welfare of our city.

We therefore welcome you again and confidently hope that your visit here will be of mutual benefit.

As the beauty and attractiveness of this city, the charms of the surrounding districts, and the generous hospitality of the citizens have in the past delighted your representatives while attending

these conventions, not only during the first period allotted to your office days, but for many days afterwards, so I sincerely hope that on this occasion your visit will be so prolonged that we shall be able to count you as one of our own citizens to share in the beauties and prosperity of the city with pardonable pride.

Most Worshipful Sir and Gentlemen, we bid you a hearty welcome and extend to you the freedom of the City.

H. A. STEVENSON,

Mayor of the City of London.

Dated at London the 19th day of July, 1916.

The M.W. the Grand Master replied as follows:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council:

On behalf of the members of this Grand Lodge I assure you that the kindly greeting finds a ready response with every heart present this morning.

In the past, assembling here has been a great pleasure, today it is delightful, and we shall be glad to come back in the future, provided the City affords accommodation for the yearly increased number of delegates.

We have listened with interest to the recital of the city's progress in appearance, wealth and population; comparisons made, may I say, in an unassuming, way and leading one to conclude that you believe in the sentiment:—

I may not boast,
And yet, may point with modest pride
As e'en becomes a host,
Who leads a guest throughout his halls;
One who desires to see, and know
What of the richest and the best,
His master hath to shew.

The growth and improvement of which you have spoken is quite perceptible; and an agreeable

surprise to those who were present when last we met here seven years ago. Others who did not gather with us on that occasion, who perhaps are your visitors for the first time, will, I feel sure, enjoy spending two days in this thriving city of the western portion of our province.

We also appreciate your remarks regarding this brotherhood. To be candid, they are not unexpected. As a matter of fact we are accustomed to having the chief magistrate of the city, wherein we assemble in annual session, commend the good work performed by this order in general, and express their opinion of the high moral standard of character which the order inculcates and insists upon in the life of the membership.

But, notwithstanding that your remarks followed the usual trend on such occasions, they are none-the-less welcome, and we rejoice to learn that your experience permits you to declare that the 2,200 citizens who are members of the order are foremost in loyal support of all that pertains to national and civic affairs, and the general welfare of the inhabitants.

Regarding all human relationships, one may assert without fear of contradiction that no other institution does more to develop a consciousness of the responsibility of our citizenship, nor does any other institution arouse to the same degree the sense of patriotism, as prevails among the Masonic population of our country.

I thank you again, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, for the cordial welcome you have extended to the members of this Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.45 o'clock, a.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies, presented the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Wardens and Members of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report as follows:

There are on the register of Grand Lodge, warranted lodges.....	451
Represented at this Communication by regular officers.....	233
Represented by Proxies.....	67
Represented by Past Masters.....	34
Total number represented.....	334
Total number of names registered.....	1007
Having a total of 1,544 votes.	

Your Committee desires to make an emphatic pronouncement upon the prevalence of neglect, from various causes, of the lodge secretaries in not returning all the Past Masters on the roll, causing much annoyance and confusion to the Worshipful brethren attending the annual meeting as delegates.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, and

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on credentials be received and adopted.

The following are the names of those present:

No. 3, Ancient St. John's, Kingston. W. Bro. C. S. Kirkpatrick, W.M.; Bros. A. W. Richardson, S.W.; and I. E. Martin, J.W.

No. 5, Sussex, Brockville. W. Bro. W. Rimmer, W.M.

No. 6, Barton, Hamilton. W. Bro. F. W. MacBeth, W.M. M.W. Bros. John Ross Robertson and A. T. Freed; R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, W. Bro. R. B. Griffith, P. Ms.

No. 7, Union, Grimsby. W. Bro. David Allen, W.M.; R.W. Bros. W. J. Drope, L. G. Jarvis; W. Bros. C. T. Farrell, W. J. Clarke, W. B. McConnachie and R. Lipsit, P.Ms.

No. 9, Union, Napanee. W. Bro. G. S. Reid, W.M.

No. 10, Norfolk, Simcoe. W. Bro. I. McNally, W.M.; W. Bro. Jas. H. Shaw, P.M.

No. 11, Moira, Belleville. W. Bro. A. L. Lott, W.M.; V.W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, P.M.

No. 15, St. George's, St. Catharines. W. Bro. P. C. Miller, W. M.; W. Bro. W. C. Burch, P.M.

No. 16, St. Andrews, Toronto. W. Bro. Walter J. Bolus, W.M.; R.W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, J. W. Watson; V.W. Bro. J. Pearson, W. Bros. John A. Graham, G. W. Rogers and H. C. Montgomery, P.Ms.

No. 17, St. John's, Cobourg. W. Bro. J. H. Purdy, W. M.; W. Bro. J. R. Fraser, P.M.

No. 20, St. John's, London. W. Bro. Neill McGill, W. M.; Bro. Allen Carswell, S.W.; Bro. Thos. Gerry, J.W.; R.W. Bros. Jas. A. Tannock, O. Ellwood, Thomas Rowe, W. Bros. R. Booth, B. Gidley, Edward Gerry, John Robertson and J. A. Barnard, P.Ms.

No. 21a, St. John's, Vankleek Hill. W. Bro. D. Adams, W.M.; V.W. Bro. S. N. Morrison, P. M.

No. 22, King Solomon's Toronto. R.W. Bro. John Tanner and W. Bro. J. McKerracher, P.Ms.

No. 23, Richmond, Richmond Hill. W. Bro. A. J. Helm-kay, W.M.; Bro. L. E. Hand, J.W.; R. W. Bro. Legge, W. Bros. T. A. Lamon and T. H. French, P.Ms.

No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. A. L. Mc Gregor, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Wm. Hyndman, W. Bros. Rich. Craig and O. C. Abbott, P.Ms.

No. 25, Ionic, Toronto. R.W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, P.M. and Proxy, and J. G. Shaw, P.M.

No. 27, Strict Observance, Hamilton. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, W.M.; R.W. Bros. R. L. Gunn and G. R. Lloyd, P.Ms.

No. 28, Mount Zion, Kemptville. W. Bros. S. H. Guest, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 29, United, Brighton. W. Bro. O. L. Morrow, W. M.

No. 30, Composite, Whitby. W. Bro. E. M. Deverell, W.M.; R.W. Bro. A. T. Lawler and W. Bro. W. J. W. Richardson, P.Ms.

No. 31, Jerusalem, Bowmanville. W. Bro. Gus Bounsall, W.M.

No. 32, Amity, Dunnville. W. Bro. G. E. Parks, W.M.

No. 33, Maitland, Goderich. R.W. Bro. Jos. Beck, V.W. Bro. A. S. Chrystal and W. Bro. A. C. Hunter, P.Ms.

No. 37, King Hiram, Ingersoll. W. Bro. G. M. McKay, P.M. and Proxy; R. W. Bro. Roger Miller. W. Bros. R. J. M. Perkins, Edward Lee and W. J. MacMurray, P.Ms.

No. 38, Trent, Trenton. W. Bro. W. J. Potts, W.M.

No. 40, St. John's, Hamilton. R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, P.M. and Proxy; V.W. Bro. P. A. Somerville, W. Bro. L. Johnston, P.Ms.

No. 41, St. George's, Kingsville. Bro. Ross G. Lutes, S.W.; Bro. W. M. Webb, J.W.; R.W. Bros. B. S. Sheldon, R. Healey, W. Bro. J. L. Baird, P.Ms.

No. 42, St. George's, London. W. Bro. John A. Nash, W.M.; W. Bros. E. O. G. Quartz, A. Ellis, A. Oettinger, W. Hayman, H. Hayman, A. Drew and S. Baker, P.Ms.

No. 43, King Solomon's, Woodstock. Bro. A. W. Massie, S.W.; R.W. Bro. Bertrand Blair, W. Bros. Leroy Heath and R. S. Revell, P.Ms.

No. 44, St. Thomas, St. Thomas. W. Bro. J. W. O'Neil, W.M.; Bro. T. L. Cochrane, J.W.; R.W. Bros. Samuel Dubber, Henry Roe, W. Bros. J. A. Ryckman, G. T. Kennedy, P. S. Minshall, F. W. Judd, A. Leitch, E. W. Ramey and F. M. Bond, P.Ms.

No. 45, Brant, Brantford. W. Bro. A. E. Day, W.M.; Bros. W. E. Lockheed, S.W.; L. L. Miller, J.W.; R.W. Bro. F. Hanna, W. Bros. J. B. Gamble, E. R. Read and F. W. Frank, P.Ms.

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ADDRESS OF THE CRAFT IN LONDON TO THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

We, the Worshipful Masters of the eight lodges
of the city of London, welcome you on this the
sixty-first anniversary of Grand Lodge, and extend
hearty and fraternal greetings.

We, Most Worshipful Sir, tender to you our
congratulations on having been elected to the Grand
East one year ago, and we are fully assured that
by your zeal and energy, and your close attention
to the duties of that high office, you will win for
yourself the reward most cherished by all men, viz.:
the everlasting love and esteem of your brethren.

We also wish to congratulate the brethren of
Grand Lodge on the wisdom shown in choosing for
their ruler one whose capabilities are so well and
favourably known throughout the length and
breadth of our great Dominion. We feel assured

that the affairs of the Grand Lodge are in a most prosperous and healthy condition and that the annual report will be of such a nature that every member will have reason to be justly proud.

The craft in every way has had a brilliant past, thanks to the officers who guided its destinies. The future will be just what we make it. Therefore it behooves each and every one of us to devote such time and attention to its duties as is required to make it a power in the land and everywhere and at all times commanding the highest esteem and respect of all.

Seven years have passed since we had the honour of having Grand Lodge meet in our city. Masonry in the Province of Ontario has advanced in accordance with the progressive times in which we live. The brethren have contributed not only to the Semi-centennial Fund, which they have established, but also very handsomely come forward to the relief of the Belgians in their great struggle to maintain their cardinal rights.

When you last met in London, the world was at peace. Today we regret the war of the nations, the most stupendous struggle the world has ever witnessed is raging and the flower of our manhood is in this titanic struggle for the right and liberty against the ambitions of a military caste that seek to enthrall the world. Among these who have gone forth in the defence of liberty, for which pre-eminently Masonry stands in the front rank, are many of our honourable brethren. It is our fervent prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may watch over and protect, and in the order of His kindness return them safely.

Some have sacrificed their lives on the altar of liberty, for which Britain unsheathed the sword, and our hearts go out in tender sympathy to the wives and mothers in their hour of trial, and we humbly pray that He who guides our destinies will be their comfort and support, and that He will shield and protect.

May a halo be thrown around this terrible conflict, out of which a consecrated and enduring peace and perfect amity shall succeed, and by which the bonds of national life may be immeasurably strengthened, the horizon widened, confidence in our destiny grown into a belief and hope in the future and that civilization will come to a realization of its lost condition, and liberty, justice and truth prevail.

The Masons of London extend a very cordial welcome to our new home, and trust that the time spent here will not only be profitable to Masonry in general, but a pleasure to Grand Lodge.

Neil McGill, St. John's Lodge No. 20.

John A. Nash, St. George's No. 42.

Whitfield Lancaster, Kilwinning Lodge No. 64.

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Jas. A. Elgie, Corinthian Lodge No. 330.

F. N. Ware, King Solomon's Lodge No. 378.

David J. Patterson, Union Lodge No. 380.

The M.W. the Grand Master replied as follows:

Wor. Masters and Brethren of the London lodges:

I thank you on behalf of Grand Lodge for your cordial welcome and the generous hospitality of the past two days. The city of London has ever been regarded as one of the important centres of Masonry in this province, and it is particularly pleasing to the members of this Grand Body to find the craft located in such a fine temple, which, I am sure, is a matter of pride to your membership, and will doubtless give an impetus to Masonry in this district.

The report of our D.D.G.M. gives assurance that prosperity reigns here. That is not unexpected in this old district—one of opposite nature would be an anomaly coming from this thickly populated and wealthy section of our country. It has also been the home of many who have been prominent in the work of Masonry in past years;

M. W. Bros. Moffat, Spry and Hungerford I am sure did much in their lifetime for the benefit of Masonry in this section.

But in mentioning these men as having been of great strength to the order in their day, there is no disposition to withhold from the brethren of later days—from you, the present rulers of the craft here, full measure of credit for conditions existing today; because we realize that Masonry like other institutions constantly requires a head to devise and a heart to conceive—that it is never stationary, nor can it rest its claim to usefulness upon past record and efforts however forceful and intelligent they may have been. Therefore prevailing success must be attributed to your vigilance, good judgment, knowledge and devotion to the science of Masonry. Today, particularly in this Province, a great majority of the people are fairly educated, and without our having to draw aside the veil of secrecy which envelops this order, they know more about its aim and purposes than at any time in its history, and being in possession of this knowledge they scrutinize our conduct, compare our practice with our profession, and upon their conclusion, their verdict, depends the value of Masonry to any community. The onus of success, or failure, to make it valuable or otherwise in a community, rests primarily on the officers of the lodge, as the teachers. If they are indifferent in rule and to the purpose of Masonry, careless of their own reputation, the influence of the lodge will be comparatively nil. On the contrary if they are enthusiastic, conscious of the true import of Masonry, sincere in their endeavour to live up to their profession, the whole membership will follow the lead as nearly as they can, and the lodge be of inestimable benefit to their localities. You have an honourable record in this regard and our hope for you is that you may continue to deserve it, that there may be uninterrupted prosperity, that union may be strong and that happiness may abound among you.

I thank you for your remarks today, and in all probability the hospitality you tender us will be

fully utilized before you speed the parting guest tomorrow night.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the minutes of Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Sixtieth Annual Communication, held in the city of Hamilton, on the 21st and 22nd days of July, A.D. 1915, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read, and they be now confirmed.

Letters and telegrams of regret were read from M. W. Bros. Henry Robertson and Benjamin Allen, R. W. Bros. Fred. Cook, C. W. Postlethwaite, F. Davey Diamond and Alex. Cowan.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Brethren of Grand Lodge:

As a result of your action one year ago, it is my privilege to welcome you today to the Sixty-first Annual Communication in this good City of London. Seven years have passed since last we met here, and the most casual observer cannot fail to note the great change that has taken place in the appearance of the city, during that short period of time.

Established in 1826 by Peter McGregor, "a Scotch Pioneer," its position—almost the centre of the south-west peninsular of Ontario, and on one of the most fertile belts for agricultural and other business efforts, the city has become the central and distributing point for a network of railways, which, perhaps, serve the greatest number of thriving towns and villages of any similar area in the Dominion. More than one million people, or one-eighth of the total population of our country, have their homes within this area. Therefore, it is not surprising that the city has spread out and extended its boundary lines to accommodate new industries that have been attracted by unusual transportation facilities and the productiveness of this section of our country. But, particularly are the inhabitants to be commended for their fine homes, which give the impression of quiet elegance and comfort; and the broad, well-shaded, well-kept streets, in naming which there has been an obvious desire to perpetuate, to vivify recollection of the "Mother City" of the old land, the wonder and the pride of every British subject.

On your behalf, I extend to our resident brethren and the citizens generally our congratulations on evident prosperity, and our good wishes for the future.

The Past Year.

I am happy in reporting that with the Masonic circle of this jurisdiction, the past year has been an uneventful one, one of peace and quietness. I would that the same might be said of other activities. But the war-cloud is still hanging over this people, and, whether we are conscious of it or not, I am sure there is with each mind a feeling of unrest—of expectancy—a dread foreboding, not as to the final outcome; for as Masons we must believe that Truth and Right will be victorious in the end; but rather are we fearful as to the news which the next cable may bring regarding the fate of relative or friend on the battle front.

Generally speaking, we have not heretofore known anything about war. Distance, and comparative insignificance of the wars waged by the British people, have not compelled contact and assistance on our part; but the object and strength of the foe of today is such as to make it imperative upon the people of this land to assist in upholding the good faith and dignity of the Crown, and those virtues by which our civilization has been built up.

When the call came for assistance, the answer was so prompt and certain than none could question our attitude; nor is there necessity for further speculation as to the instigator or the cause of the war, so much has been written and said as to render both common knowledge, and the public mind has turned to the more important question—the lessons that should result from the war. Those most frequently mentioned are "Preparedness" and the effectiveness of an "United Empire."

The former is but a natural conclusion as to the best method for preserving peace, in view of the awful horrors attending the struggle—the primal successes and stubborn resistance of the prepared foe, and the determination of the Allies to continue until they win such a victory as will ensure permanent peace. But preparedness will not appeal to the citizens of this country—particularly

the Masonic population—as the greatest lesson of the war, notwithstanding the suddenness with which it descended in 1914.

Perhaps it may be said with truth, that the part taken by our countrymen is more heroic than that of any of the European nations concerned. The people of France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Russia, and those of the Balkan States, have been learning and practising the art of war for generations, and many thousands of their people have witnessed and participated in heartless conflicts. They have grown up in an atmosphere of war, or of war history, and each have their monuments which mark the exact spot where many thousands have been slain in battle.

We in Canada have no war past. We have lived in peace with our neighbors, and with unfortified border line thousands of miles in length for more than one hundred years. Therefore, it does not seem to me probable that this people will agree, or accept the idea of preparedness as the greatest lesson of the war.

The ready response of every dependency of the British Crown to the call of the motherland for assistance, has in no uncertain way demonstrated to our enemy, as well as to ourselves, the advantage and necessity for unity in an Empire scattered all over the earth, as is that of Great Britain. The war, however, did not create this condition; it was there before—has always existed. The common danger only brought it into action. For as a writer has well said in a recent issue of the *Quarterly Review*, "Let the people of Great Britain have no misgivings, the centre of gravity lies within the Empire." However strong the feeling of friendship with any other nation may become, that deeper love which grips the heart is reserved for only one, "our Mother." When the war is over and there comes a summing up of experiences, we shall credit to British rule, immeasurably wiser and better than any other, the creation of that loyalty of which we boast, and which has stood the test in this crisis,

and this will prove to be one of the important lessons of the war.

But, another lesson has been suggested: it may be described as the greatest of them all. It is not a new one, but a very old one, although both individuals and nations in their ambitions are apt to forget, and, in the case of Germany, to scoff at. It is summoned up in the motto of one of the degrees of the "Knight Templar System," "*Magna est veritas et prevalebit*"—"Great is Truth and it will prevail." The realization of this fact is slowly, but none the less surely, being emphasized in the case of Germany. She began the war with a lie, has continued her falsehoods until at present no nation will believe her spoken word or written bond. Over all the earth—against her own Allies, even—she has plotted to gain her nefarious ends; but all her plotting and villainy, conceived in secrecy, will be shouted from "the house tops" and react against herself. The Allies are fighting for great principles—principles that are essential to the future welfare of mankind—principles which the Germans have outraged and which must be maintained at all costs. Believing in the God of Truth, we are making sacrifice in order that honor and good faith may once more prevail amongst the nations of the earth. Relying on the promise that "Whoso sweareth unto his neighbor and disappointeth him not, shall receive a blessing," we have therefore but to possess our soul in patience, and to wait, though it be under such circumstance, an anxious task.

Many of our brethren, and sons of brethren, are now in the trenches. Many more have rallied to the colors, preparing to go overseas, and I had hoped until a short time ago to present a list of their names; but many lodges, perhaps one hundred and fifty, have not returned enlistments to the Grand Secretary, and also because enlistment is daily taking place it has been decided to defer publishing such a list until after the war is over.

It is a satisfaction to know that the situation daily grows brighter for the Allies. It is still

serious, however; so serious that our heart goes out in sympathy to all who have relatives in the war zone. We pray that the protecting care of the Grand Architect of the Universe will be about and over them, and that they may return in safety to their homes. But, while one can express hope and fraternal good wishes for those in danger, what can be said that will in any sense comfort those already bereaved? The words which come—which I am capable of writing down but very inadequately—express what one feels. Two of our Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bro. Malone and M. W. Bro. Gibson—have lost sons on the battlefield. No two men command greater respect in this Grand Lodge, and I tender to them, and any of our brethren who mourn, the universal regret of the craft of Ontario.

In Memoriam.

A great many of our brethren have died during the year. A full list will be reported through the Committee on "Fraternal Dead," but I desire to make mention of one—R. W. Bro. Merriman, P.D. D.G.M., Niagara District No. 10, who died at his home in St. Catharines in November, 1915. Bro. Merriman was a member of The Board of General Purposes and attached to the Committee on Benevolence. He was of kind and genial disposition, a regular attendant at our annual meetings, and his absence will be noted keenly by the other members of the Benevolence Committee.

A sister jurisdiction—Ireland, mourns the death of Dr. Chetwoode Crawley; distinguished wherever Masonic history is read as a well informed Mason, and Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Grave off the Orkneys.

The last two years will add to British history many uncommon events, which at the moment of their coming seemed to shake the world of men. With the majority, however, the shock soon passes

away. Even the *Lusitania* incident, the most dreadful of all in the early days of the war, is now but an indifferent recollection with a great many people not immediately concerned. But now and again there comes news so startling—of such tremendous import to the people, that it rouses them from their indifference as if struck by lightning.

The death of Lord Kitchener on June 5 was an event of that kind. Five days before his death the minds of the people had been disturbed—distressed by a false report from Berlin, of the result of the battle in the North Sea, when thousands went to a watery grave in the greatest naval battle of modern times; but the shock from that did not affect the people as did the news of Lord Kitchener's death. Our navy is a tradition centuries old, our boast, a surety to be depended upon always. Therefore the false report was more of a disappointment than a shock. Lord Kitchener for years had been a tradition of our battlefields. When, in 1914, the people learned that he was to be at the helm, courage improved, our nervousness quieted, because the very impassibility of the man radiated confidence, and his record spelled success. Nor were they disappointed in reposing trust in the present issue, because he created for them the greatest voluntary army in the world's history.

In addition to the honours he had won as an administrator, and as Commander-in-chief of the army in India, honours of this fraternity had also been conferred upon him. He was a District Grand Master of Egypt, and was installed District Grand Master of the Punjab by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on June 7, 1903. He was also a P. D. G. Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England. But, we know him chiefly as the soldier, who not only deserved, and received the confidence of his own people, but who, was also an inspiration to other peoples, particularly our Allies in this war, who, I am certain, share in the nation's sorrowing for the death of the most distinguished soldier of his time, and to whose memory Robert Stead pays a fine tribute in these words:

*Weep, waves of England! Nobler clay
 Was ne'er to nobler grave consigned;
 The wild waves weep with us today,
 Who mourn a nation's master mind.
 We hoped an honoured age for him,
 And ashes laid with England's great;
 And rapturous music and the dim
 Deep hush that veils our Tombs of State.
 But this is better. Let him sleep
 Where sleep the men who made us free,
 For England's heart is in the deep,
 And England's glory is the sea.
 One only vow above his bier,
 One only oath beside his bed;
 We swear our flag shall shield him here
 Until the sea gives up its dead.
 Leap, waves of England! Boastful be,
 And fling defiance in the blast,
 For earth is envious of the sea
 Which shelters England's dead, at last.*

Grand Representatives.

Four vacancies have occurred in representatives to this Grand Lodge, the following nominations have been made by me and accepted by the Grand Masters of the jurisdictions concerned:

R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D.G.M., Hamilton, for the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, P.D.D.G.M., Ottawa, for the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Bro. Frederick Guest, P.D.D.G.M., St. Thomas, for the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

R. W. Bro. Fred. Cook, P.G.J.W., Ottawa, for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

On the recommendation of their Grand Masters the following brethren have been commissioned to represent this Grand Lodge at their respective Grand Lodges:

W. Bro. J. K. Orr, to the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

W. Bro. Wm. S. Pettit, to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

And it gave me particular pleasure to appoint W. Bro. J. R. Seymour, the son of our late Past Grand Master Seymour, to represent us at the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Requests for Recognition.

On the 19th December, 1912, there was formed at Manila a Grand Lodge for the Philippine Islands. Previously the territory had been Masonically occupied by lodges holding under the Spanish Grand Orient, which, in addition to the three degrees of symbolic Masonry, practised those of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; also two under Grand Lodge of Scotland, one each of France, Portugal, North Dakota, and three by California, which apparently took the initiative in the erection of the new Grand Lodge.

The correspondence submitted contends that fifty-one Grand Lodges including England, Scotland and Ireland, have extended recognition. This, coupled with the variety of rule that has existed there, confirms the opinion that the district should be considered as open territory—the new Grand Lodge regularly formed—and that we should formally approve of the move to bring order out of a condition, which is, both foreign and harmful to Masonic rule and progress.

I have referred this matter, however, to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who will doubtless report more fully as to the facts. A request for recognition has also been received from the Supreme Council for the Argentine Republic. Substantially the reply made intimated that at present and for the future this grand body, controlled and supervised the Masonry of the three craft degrees only; and had no connection whatever with that of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and reminded them that there is a Sup. Council of that system established in this Dominion.

Jurisdictional Courtesies.

Every appeal for waiver of jurisdiction, or other favours made by me to other Grand Masters, has met with cheerful and ready response. I desire to make public acknowledgment for courtesies received from the Grand Jurisdictions of Illinois, Maryland, Montana, New York, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Nova Scotia during the year. On my part, the principles of goodwill and reciprocity have been exercised whenever opportunity offered in this connection. St. Andrew's No. 16, Toronto, was authorized to confer degrees upon Mr. Eldridge Tate, now a resident of Toronto, previously living under the jurisdiction of Harmony Lodge No. 17, Washington.

Authority was also given Haileybury No. 485, to confer degrees upon Keith Roberts, formerly of the jurisdiction of Wilmette Lodge, 931, Illinois.

Under date the 18th March the M. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania made complaint against a lodge in this jurisdiction under the law of "Perpetual Jurisdiction"—a law, or principle, neither admitted or claimed by our Constitution.

The facts are: In 1903 a man made application for initiation to a lodge in that State, and was rejected because of slight mutilation of the left hand. Moving to Canada, and having acquired Masonic residence, he made application and was made a Mason in 1910. Returning to Pennsylvania to reside he demitted from the lodge here, and made application to affiliate in that State, but was refused on the ground that he had committed an offence, as also the Canadian lodge which had initiated him, without first obtaining the consent of the rejecting Pennsylvania lodge of 1903.

Acting on the principle that the "least said is soonest mended," particularly as regards the laws of "Perpetual Jurisdiction," and "Physical Qualification," the defence, after expressing regret that such a case had arisen, simply pointed out that the brother in question, and the lodge, having complied

with our laws, which, as a sovereign body we have inherent right to make for our own guidance; obviously neither he nor the lodge had committed any offence, and appeal was made that Masonic intercourse be permitted him with his brethren of Pennsylvania.

Financial.

I am delighted to be able to report that, considering the present stress of the times and our past spending, the financial affairs of this Grand Lodge and of the constituent lodges, while not equal to 1915, are nevertheless in satisfactory condition.

For the year ending 31st May, 1915, our revenue was.....	\$47,233.07
For this year ending 31st May, 1916, our revenue has been.....	46,560.36

Shewing a reduction for 1916 of.....	<u>\$ 672.71</u>
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The expenditure for ordinary purposes in 1915 was.....	\$25,304.57
The expenditure for ordinary purposes in 1916 has been.....	19,107.31

Shewing a gain in this regard for 1916 of	<u>\$ 6,197.26</u>
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Receipts, General Account	\$46,560.36
Debentures Matured.....	1,224.46
	<u>\$47,784.82</u>

General Charges.....	\$19,107.31
Benevolent Grants, General Account.....	30,625.00
	<u>\$ 49,732.31</u>

Showing disbursements over receipts of \$1,947.49, of which \$1,025.06 was expended in Benevolent grants.

Benevolence.

Expenditure for Benevolent purposes in 1915 was (including semi-centennial fund)	\$34,745.00
During 1916 the expenditure has been	36,070.00

An increase in our grants for the year \$ 1,325.00

Belgian Relief Fund.

Receipts from the lodges on account of this fund to 31st May, 1916, were	\$46,417.95
On account of interest	299.87

Making the total of this fund to above date..... \$46,717.82

Which sum, less draft charges for remittances, has been forwarded to His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

Membership Gain.

Membership gain and revenue are in sympathy. Consequently a reduction of revenue means decrease of the customary membership gain for the year.

The membership on 31st May, 1915, was about	58,983
It stands now approximately at	60,850

A net gain of..... 1,867

Lodges.

There are on the register of this Grand Lodge 441 warranted lodges, and three still under dispensation from 1915. Seven petitions for new lodges have been presented, and five dispensations have been granted for the formation of new lodges, situated and named as follows:

High Park Lodge.....	Toronto.....	Sept. 11, 1915
Englehart Lodge.....	Englehart.....	Oct. 12, 1915

Canada Lodge.....	Toronto.....	Nov. 8, 1915
Phoenix Lodge.....	Fonthill.....	Feb. 1, 1916
Shamrock Lodge.....	Toronto.....	Mar. 23, 1916

I have always been under the impression, and the impression has deepened the past year, that giving authority for the creation of new lodges is a critical matter. Consequently I have required from the D. D. G. Masters of the District, where these new lodges are located, more than indifferent recommendation; and in the cases at Toronto have demanded that the consent of considerably more than a bare majority of the lodges be secured; although the Constitution does not insist that more than a majority consent shall be presented. Two were refused.

A petition was received from brethren resident at Lakeside, in South Huron District. But notwithstanding that the recommendation of the D.D.G.M. eulogized the brethren whose names were signed to the application, I concluded that twelve men, two of whom were but Entered Apprentices, were not sufficient guarantee that the work would be carried out in detail, or long continued.

The other request was presented from some brethren of Iroquois Falls, Northern Ontario.

I understand there is but one strong industry—a pulp or other mill located there. Numbers of the inhabitants are employed there. In fact, the majority of the petitioners were employees of that concern, and I refused to grant a dispensation for a new lodge there, on the ground that if that mill was destroyed or ceased working, the employees—our petitioners, would move away and the result would be disastrous for the lodge.

Warrant Returned.

A great many of the members of Elysian Lodge 212, have moved from Garden Island—are scattered over the Dominion, and there is but a remnant of the membership left. On the 9th of March, 1915, a meeting was held for the purpose of considering

the advisability of amalgamation with Minden Lodge, 253, of Kingston; but the conclusion of the meeting was that they would surrender the warrant and the members ask for demits from Grand Lodge, which would enable them to affiliate where they severally reside. Accordingly the warrant, minute book, register and jewels have been returned, and are now in the possession of the Grand Secretary—and certificates of standing under Rule 255 have been issued to the brethren. We are indebted to R. W. Bro. Minnes, of Kingston, for assistance in this connection.

On 19th June I received a petition from twenty two brethren of Sparta for resuscitation of Warrant No. 176 surrendered 20th June, 1896. This request was supported by strong recommendation from the D.D.G.M. of the London District. The reply pointed out that on many occasions refusal has been made by Grand Lodge, because confusion and dissatisfaction would inevitably ensue, and that their only hope lay in asking for a dispensation to form a new lodge.

Myra Lodge, Komoka, was instituted 15th May, 1915. The W. M. named in the dispensation being Bro. A. B. Smith. Subsequently Bro. Smith moved to Detroit, and it became necessary to make another appointment. The brethren of the lodge selected Bro. Daniel Campbell, and the change has been confirmed by me and endorsed on the dispensation by the Grand Secretary.

A somewhat similar case is that of Englehart Lodge, instituted November 11th, 1915. The dispensation named as W. M. Bro. F. D. Ramsay, a man over seventy years of age, and who found the duties of the office too great a strain, asked to be relieved through R. W. Bro. McCubbin, D.D.G.M., who, having assured me that the reason advanced was genuine, and the brethren having made choice of Jas. Patterson, I have confirmed this change also and have had it endorsed on the dispensation.

An urgent appeal from Porcupine Lodge for permission to move from the town of Porcupine to

South Porcupine, three miles distant was received April 9th. The lodge is having a hard time of it. The population has dwindled to a few hundred people, and only a half dozen members of the lodge reside in the town proper, since the mines closed down.

Our Constitution does not invest the Grand Master with authority to make such a change, and it is a wise and safe provision. I directed them to apply at this annual meeting for permission, and when it comes before you, I would recommend that the change be permitted.

By-Laws.

Prior to the last annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, Keystone and Algoma Lodges of Sault Ste. Marie, formed a joint board of relief, and asked that it be approved by Grand Lodge. Rule 2 respecting benevolence requires such Board to submit by-laws. This not having been complied with, the matter was left to the Grand Master to adjust, and to approve of by-laws if presented in the interim. They were subsequently sent, and have been sanctioned.

The Constitution requires that the by-laws of every lodge shall be approved by the Grand Master for the time being, and this has imposed the duty of examining with care those of forty-eight lodges.

While deprecating too much law, and anxious to interfere as little as possible with the rights of self-government, yet it was incumbent upon me to see that the provisions did not clash with those of the Constitution. And that the rights and duties of individuals, those of the lodge and committees, particularly those of "Trust Boards," or committees holding property in trust, were clearly defined, so as to avoid unnecessary and hesitating speculation as to the exact intention of any law; has obliged me to return many for amendment.

Glancing over different copies which come to hand, one sees many loosely drawn provisions,

obscure as to purpose, cumbersome and useless, because often but reprints of Constitutional clauses.

Others, while not actually violations of the Constitution, are nevertheless contrary to the spirit of justice which should govern in Masonry. For instance: making sponsors for an applicant responsible for the fee, when clearly the W. M. of a lodge is answerable to Grand Lodge; and obviously the intention is that the candidate must pay from his own means before initiation.

In some by-laws it is set out that "the fee for the first degree shall be"; here follows mention of the amount, and then "the W. M. may confer the F. C. and M. M. free of charge."

Under such a rule the W. M. may indefinitely withhold "Passing and Raising," with their information and privileges, without making any charge against a candidate, or, giving reason for his action; and, to my mind such a by-law is contrary to the compact between an applicant and the lodge, as contained in the petition; as it also violates the very principle of common law which underlies our system of government.

Another of similar nature is one intended to withhold from members in arrears for dues the right of voting at an election of officers. This law is entirely in opposition to Clause 235 of the Constitution, wherein is expressed, that only after trial and conviction is a brother deprived of his voting rights.

Instances have come to notice where there seemed to be but a hazy idea of the importance, the necessity of having a special by-law setting out the relation between the lodge and its trust committee. Every lodge should define the exact powers of such committee especially where real estate is involved in the Trust is it necessary to have a specific law governing purchase, sale, or bond on the one hand, and on the other, the lodge obligation to supply monies for payment of principal, and other expense, should appear in their by-laws.

Dispensations.

Dispensations to the number of 480 have been issued for various purposes.

Chiefly they were for the purpose of attending "Divine service," "to install officers at other than by-law dates," and following the practice of last year, one hundred and sixty were issued giving permission to confer degrees within time limit, upon applicants who had enlisted for overseas service.

It may be necessary to give assurance, that in those cases each application was carefully scrutinized, and evidence required that haste was necessary, in order that they might receive the three degrees before leaving; and I feel that no mistake has been made, as all seem to be good men who will be a credit to the order. The anxiety exhibited by some for admission was remarkable, as showing the reputation which this fraternity has acquired as a passport, morally and socially over all the world.

To Exemplify Irish Work.

I presume it is well known that at the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1855, certain lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as an incentive and condition of the transfer of their allegiance to the new Grand Lodge, were accorded permission to continue the "Irish Work." I am not sure on the point, but it does not appear that the concession then granted was to be operated outside their several lodge rooms. Nor do I know whether the privilege has been so exercised by them; but during the present year I have been asked and have acceded to the request by granting two dispensations for the exemplification of the "Irish Work" at the city of Toronto. I confess consent was reluctantly given; not because I believe there is anything wrong with that work, but simply on the ground that there is no legitimate reason for perpetuating another work in this jurisdiction, when, as a matter of fact, we have not half digested our own. Perhaps it may be con-

tended that as At Homes and Receptions are permitted for the practice, or to encourage sociability, this comes under that category; but there is no opportunity to exercise social features in a lodge room while degree work is in progress, consequently I do not see any virtue in it, and think it should be discontinued.

Especial Communications.

Especial communications were held for the purpose of laying a corner stone, and for the consecration and dedication of lodge rooms. One of the meetings was held October 6th for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new temple for Russell Lodge 479, located at the village of Russell. The frame building formerly occupied by our brethren there, with a great number of other buildings, was destroyed by a disastrous fire in June last. With characteristic energy and prudence, they determined to erect on a lot secured immediately after the fire, a building of brick and stone; and now have a very prettily designed, well ventilated and comfortable temple, devoted to the sole use of lodge and chapter, which I had the pleasure of dedicating for them on the 3rd of July.

Twelve lodge rooms have been consecrated and dedicated for the following lodges:

Espanola 527—September 1, by R. W. Bro. McCubbin, D.D.G.M.

Mississauga 524—September 23, by R. W. Bro. Fallis, D.D.G.M.

Temple 525—September 28, by R. W. Bro. Fallis, D.D.G.M.

Royal Arthur 523—October 4, by R. W. Bro. Andrews, D.D.G.M.

Ionic 526—October 13, by myself.

Clifton 254—November 25, by R. W. Bro. Wardrope, D.G.M.

Hiram 319—March 16, by R. W. Bro. Ross, D.D.G.M.

Amity 32—March 22, by R. W. Bro. Ross, D.D.G.M.

Irving 154—March 23, by R. W. Bro. Baker, D.D.G.M.

Central 402—May 5, by R. W. Bro. Draper, D.D.G.M.

Port Elgin 429—June 15, by R. W. Bro. Loughleen, D.D.G.M.

Russell 479—July 3, by myself.

Decisions.

I presume my experience in this regard has been the same as my predecessors—an interminable array of questions have been asked.

All enquiries respecting remission of fees for irregularities in conferring degrees, have been referred to the Board of General Purposes. Those relating to physical qualification, except in rare and clearly marked cases, the responsibility has been put upon the W. M., who, being on the spot, has better opportunity of judging whether an applicant can comply with Rule 181 of the constitution or not. To a strong believer in at least some approach to the principle of the old practice in this regard, instances have been presented which have impressed me as constituting an unholy desire to override, and evade, even the most liberal interpretation of Rule 181. The opinions expressed by me during the year have been definite, but, it seems to me advisable and necessary, that Grand Lodge should issue a pronounced warning to every lodge, in the interest, conservation and future welfare of craft work.

1. The by-laws of one lodge provide regarding dues: "For yearly consideration of resident members, \$5.00." A member applies for demit on March 30, tendering \$1.25 as payment of dues owing the lodge. Is that right? Yes.

2. May a lodge take part in a military funeral? My interpretation of clause 232 is that the words "Other Societies" includes all and sundry organizations of whatever kind. When a lodge is called for the purpose of conducting a funeral, it is constitutionally bound not only to read our service, and perform our ceremony, but must have and keep control of the body to be buried. My advice, in the case presented, counselled that in order to avoid possibility of a clash, the lodge should decline to perform our service unless there was distinct understanding to the above effect previous to calling an emergent meeting of the lodge.

3. In a town of 5,000 population, a joint parade of all fraternal societies to attend Divine service. The question was: "May the lodge join and march in procession to the Church?" My answer was advisory only, that such action was undesirable, because better order and regularity would ensue and be more in keeping with the dignity of this old fraternity to walk in procession alone.

4. A member of a lodge under a foreign jurisdiction, moved to this jurisdiction, and became a charter member of one of our lodges. Subsequently he was suspended for N.P.D. by a foreign lodge. What is his position in our Canadian lodge? In good standing!

5. In the case of an unmarried applicant serving a second-year apprenticeship as a machinist at Detroit, but whose parents reside in this jurisdiction; I decided that while the case was not similar to that of students attending colleges, yet I considered that he could not in justice to the Grand Lodge of Michigan be held as eligible material in this jurisdiction.

6. In the case of an applicant of defective articulation, so marked as to require familiarity with him to understand intelligently. Recollecting the fate of the Ephraimites I decided he was not eligible.

7. Is it compulsory in order to obtain "Past Warden's Rank," and eligibility for the office of W. M., to serve the office continuously, and in one lodge for twelve months? Yes! The intention of Clause 144 is to secure to such officer a year's experience of lodge work in all its phases, which might not obtain if the service was not continuous.

8. Is it proper to applaud, or to permit applause openly, upon the rendering of any part of the work in the lodge? No! It tends to create jealousy and irritation among the officers, and especially with those who have not had educational advantages, but who have nevertheless spent of their energy, and are perhaps more sincere and earnest than the more talented brother.

9. Has a lodge the right to elect and install as W. M. a brother who has enlisted, in face of the probability that he will be sent overseas before his term of office expires? Will absence deprive him of "Past Rank?" A lodge has not the right to anticipate that any brother who is elected and accepts the office of W. M. at installation, will not fill it. And whether he does so in fact, or name only, provided he is not asked to, or does not resign the office, he will be entitled to Past Rank at the end of his term of office.

10. A member applied for and received a demit from a certain lodge. Moving from the locality he deposited the demit with and became a member of a lodge near his then place of residence. Returning to the place of his first residence, he applied for affiliation and was rejected. He then applied to me for redress, claiming, that as the demit did not bear the seal of the lodge, it was not legal, and therefore the lodge was bound to accept him as a member.

I decided that the Constitution does not require that a demit shall bear the seal of the lodge. That he had accepted and used the demit; therefore he must accept the verdict of the lodge, regarding membership.

11. Frequent enquiries have come regarding placing of applicants' names on summons. A lodge passes upon or gives its verdict by the ballot; consequently the name, occupation, and residence of every applicant must appear on the summons calling the meeting at which the ballot is to take place. If from any circumstance the ballot shall not be taken on a particular application at the time it appeared on the notice, but be taken subsequently, it must appear on the summons calling the subsequent meeting.

12. It is customary, not compulsory, for the W. M. to invite the brethren to examine the ballot.

13. Is a motion to amend, at the time a "Notice of Motion" is being considered, in order? Yes!

14. Can a lodge form a "Social Club" and name it "Masonic Social Club?" The word "Masonic" in the name is not allowed. The right of Masons as individuals to form a social club is admitted, but a lodge, as a lodge, has not the authority to form, adopt, or sanction, any subsidiary organization, because any other organization must not have direct relation, executive or otherwise, with a lodge.

Visits.

On assuming office I determined to visit where invited, and have fulfilled that compact, except when two or more events, sometimes widely separated by distance, occurred on the same date. I particularly regretted having to forego on that account a visit to Norwood Lodge, when a tablet was unveiled to the memory of our late brother Russel Pearce, who died from wounds received on the battlefield in France. The tablet was presented and unveiled by Bro. Lt.-Col. Stewart on the 8th of May.

Four visits were made by me to lodges at the city of Toronto. I have not enquired of my predecessors, what their condition of mind was when they officially entered Toronto lodge rooms.

Perhaps they would not have been candid if I had enquired; but I confess it was a nerve test for me to find myself seated near brilliant preachers, judges and lawyers (I trust no harm will come from coupling these professions together), but when entry is made and the momentary nervous strain is past, one finds that all—even judges—are human and kindly, and the warmest of good fellowship prevails and was extended toward me on each occasion of my visit.

I visited Zetland Lodge September 24, on the invitation of W. Bro. John Donogh. Fortunately for me it was their annual Canadian night. The Hon. Justice Riddell and Bro. Donald McIntyre, K.C., Chairman of the Ontario Railway Board, were the chief speakers, and I can assure you I listened with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

On November 4th I officially attended a meeting of Rehoboam Lodge the occasion being a Past Masters' night, W. Bro. Dill having travelled from Winnipeg for the purpose of conducting the work of the evening, which, needless to say was well done, and an enjoyable evening spent.

On the invitation of W. Bro. Bolus I visited St. Andrew's Lodge January 10th. It is a good, substantial old lodge, one of the links which binds the Masonry of today, to that of Provincial Grand Lodge days. The treatment accorded to me was uncommonly kind, and I appreciated it very much. The occasion being their Empire night, very fine addresses were listened to from M. W. Bro. McPherson, R. W. Bro. Williams, Mr. Cameron and others.

R. W. Bro. Harcourt arranged for my visit to St. Albans on 21st February. St. Albans membership roll is a long one, considering the short period it has been in existence; perhaps in the three years the greatest on record under this Grand Lodge. The Wor. Master, Bro. Milne, gave me a most cordial welcome, and the degree work of the evening, aided by beautifully rendered music (a feature which the Toronto lodges excel in,) was well done indeed.

October 13th I delivered the warrant and dedicated the hall of Ionic Lodge, Westboro, accompanied by a great number of the Ottawa brethren, who assisted in the installation of the officers which followed the deliverance of the warrant.

On the 11th November I visited Cornwall Lodge, the occasion being the visit of the D.D.G.M. of the Eastern District.

On November 16th I attended a meeting of Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, the occasion being the visit of the D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. Cox. It was my first official visit to Ottawa lodges, and there was a large turnout of members.

November 18th a reception was tendered me by Doric Lodge No. 58, the brethren being assisted by the ladies of their households. Diffidence, springing from the fact that it is my mother lodge, restrains me from praising it with such freedom and truth as I would like, or which would be permissible in a stranger. I have been a member of it twenty-seven years; have grown up with it and love it dearly, because the membership is like one family, without contention or dissatisfaction. To say that my brethren of the lodge were pleased with having the Grand Mastership come to the lodge, but barely expresses the delight which they have exhibited in their actions toward me. On the occasion in question they presented a beautiful cabinet of silver and a rare illuminated address, which in design and for extravagance of language would be difficult to equal, but which, nevertheless, is very highly prized by me, and the occasion will be long remembered.

Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, gave an At Home on 30th November, which I attended. Ottawa Temple although of goodly proportions, was more than comfortably filled, but all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

I attended the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on February 9th, and received a very cordial welcome from Most Wor. Bro. Evans,

Grand Master, and other members of that Grand Lodge. Although small in comparison with this Grand Lodge, it is making good headway as indicated by the reports which were presented.

On the 26th March I attended an At Home conducted by Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, the oldest of the Ottawa lodges. A great many members of this strong lodge, with their ladies, were present.

I attended a Lodge of Instruction, for the Ottawa district, held at the town of Pembroke on the 4th of April. Pembroke, Cobden and Beachburg lodges conferred the degrees, under the direction of R. Wor. Bro. Cox, D.D.G.M. The work was well done, numerous questions were asked and answered, and I am sure the information imparted will prove beneficial to all.

I was invited to attend a joint meeting of the lodges in the City of Brockville on 17th April. Both Sussex and Salem Lodges took part in the work presented that evening and received the approval and commendation of the D.D.G.M., who was present on an official visit. Representatives were present from lodges in the Eastern as well as those of the St. Lawrence District, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

In response to an urgent invitation from Great Western Lodge, Windsor, I attended the celebration of their sixtieth anniversary on the 26th April. The lodge was not opened, but the entertainment, after refreshments in the banquet room, was of exceptionally fine character, and was conducted by the W. M., V. Williamson. R. Wor. Bro. Gatfield believing apparently that anniversary celebrations like history, should contain a moral, gave a short history of the lodge, and expressed hope and confidence for the future. The assemblage, composed of members and their families, was also addressed by very old Masons belonging to the lodge, two brethren from Detroit, and a very fine address from a P.D.D.G.M., based on the thought that obedience to law accounted for the stability and success of the British nation. The hospitality of Windsor

brethren is proverbial. On the occasion in question, through the efforts of V. W. Bro. Reid and W. Bro. Williamson, it was bountiful, and I had a splendid visit.

On the 8th day of May I was present at a Lodge of Instruction, held at Picton in Prince Edward District. Under the direction of R. W. Bro. Shurie, D.D.G.M., who has been a painstaking officer, Prince Edward, Wellington, and a Belleville Lodge presented very fine work. Question and discussion made the meeting interesting, and it will bring results in good work for the future. In the lodge room and at the supper table it was a pleasure to listen to the remarks made by the brethren, particularly Bro. Rev. F. Louis Barber, who kindly placed the Parish Hall of his Church at the disposal of the assembled craft.

On the 26th of May Wilson District No 6 assembled for their annual Lodge of Instruction at Woodstock, at which I was present. Representatives of twenty-two lodges, the largest number I have seen (aside from the Provincial Lodges of Instruction held at Toronto) were present when the lodge opened promptly at the appointed hour. In addition to the large attendance, other features; discussion upon any question affecting the District; selecting and appointing a critic, so to speak, for each degree previous to the commencement of the work of that degree; intelligent question and answer, proved to me that the brethren of the district have a good grasp of the purpose of a "Lodge of Instruction," and consequently they must be of great value to the Masonry of the district. I had the pleasure of listening to a Past Master of over fifty years standing, R. Wor. Bro. Clutton, confer the first degree in a most splendid manner, and all the work under the able direction of R. W. Bro. Blair, D.D.G.M., was of high standard.

On the 29th of May I attended a meeting of Northern Light Lodge No. 93, at Kincardine. The meeting in the lodge was provided over by Wor. Bro. J. B. Watson in characteristic manner. Although an emergent meeting, representatives were

present to the number of one hundred and twenty-five from all the surrounding country, and from eight other districts of the jurisdiction. At the banquet table the entertainment excelled any at which I have been present, considering the strength of the lodge and the population of the town. Many very excellent addresses were given in response to toasts introduced by most appropriate quotations. I was very hospitably entertained during my visit by Bro. Frank Coombe, Wor. Bro. Watson, Wor. Bro. Malcolm, R. Wor. Bro. Macpherson, and I shall not soon forget my visit to Northern Light.

On the 13th June I paid a visit to the lodges in the town of Oshawa—Cedar and Lebanon. The officers of both lodges took part in the work presented for the inspection of the D.D.G.M., Bro. Lawlor, who paid his official visit on that evening. After supper the visitors were well entertained by beautifully rendered music, and recitations given by R. W. Bro. Punshon, who also presided over that part of the meeting in his inimitable way.

At the urgent invitation of Dalhousie, The Builders and Fidelity Lodges, I conducted a joint installation and investiture of the officers on June 20th. I was assisted by the P.D.D.G. Masters of the city in that ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of the members resident in the city.

Appointment to the Board.

By the death of R. Wor. Bro. Merriman, a vacancy occurred in the Benevolent Committee of the Board. Learning that R. Wor. Bro. Guest had returned from overseas, I offered the position to him, but he advised that he did not feel justified in accepting, giving as the reason that he was returning to the battle front. I then appointed R. W. Bro. Rea, of Toronto, for the balance of the term.

Bi-Centennial.

I esteem it my duty to remind you that with the 24th of June next will occur the Two hundredth

Anniversary of what is termed the "Revival of Masonry." I notice that some jurisdictions even now are considering celebration of this event. To quote a Masonic paper: "The event should be generally observed throughout the Masonic world as the one which brought together a few individual lodges, cementing the bonds of fraternity, giving inspiration to the members of the craft, and paving the way for the marked growth and development that followed." "A proper celebration would do much to educate the world in general and the craft in particular concerning modern Masonry." I would suggest that if this Grand Lodge decides upon action, that it be in an inexpensive way. Perhaps a paper on the subject, prepared and read at the next annual session by our Grand Historian, whom we infrequently trouble in this regard, would suffice. Or, we might in addition, have the paper distributed to the lodges in pamphlet form for the benefit of young members of the craft. I leave both reminder and suggestions for your consideration.

Card Index.

The work of indexing the names appearing on our register since the formation of Grand Lodge in 1855, has been continued during the year, and fair progress made. Frequent cases of sickness among our office staff has somewhat delayed the work, but there can be no question that when it is completed it will be of great assistance in keeping permanent record of names. At the commencement in 1914, it was estimated that one hundred thousand cards would suffice. It now seems probable that one hundred and twenty thousand will be required, and of this number, eighty thousand have already been used.

Conclusion.

In thus reporting upon the activities of the craft, and the work performed by me in connection therewith, I have perhaps literally fulfilled the duties of the office. It might be advisable, however to make further comment on the general impres-

sion left on the mind after a year's contact with every part of the jurisdiction, in order that tendencies which are excellent may receive commendation, while those of an opposite nature may by directing attention thereto be restrained, if not discontinued. Fortunately, a leaning toward that which is not beneficial is very rare in this jurisdiction. As a matter of fact, I know of only one tendency in connection with the conduct of lodge affairs which may prove harmful if permitted to grow—a competitive spirit among city lodges.

There is effort on the part of small, young lodges to emulate the older and stronger lodges, and in the older lodges to outdo one another in social entertainment. I believe in general there is altogether too much weight given to the importance of social nights, and I am opposed to the feeling.—to the demand principally coming from young members, and satisfied by the officers generally—that it is the duty of the Wor. Master of a lodge like a theatre manager, to provide as a special attraction, officers for the evening chosen from a particular profession, or, under other circumstance; because the attention of the members will be thus taken up by the form, and rhetoric employed, while the aim, importance and solemnity of “the work” itself be overshadowed. There is, too, a more serious aspect of competition—canvassing for members. I have no proof that such has occurred, but long lists of names appearing on notices of meetings which I have read, arouses suspicion that we are not entirely free from that evil. In my judgment—without making irksome labor out of what should be a pleasure—a lodge cannot confer the degrees upon more than thirty applicants during the usual ten months of operation; and when one reads notices which contain more than double that number of names to be balloted for at one meeting, and also naming unseasonable and unreasonable hours for opening the lodge, one conclusion follows: that if competition, which I think is at the root of all the extra work continues and becomes widely spread, it will have very bad effect wherever it is practised.

Aside from this competitive feature, which is happily limited to few cases, lodge methods are all that reason can expect. One has only to read Masonic history to gain an idea of the great change in lodge government that has taken place. Fancy one of our ancient brethren, the boon companions of the 18th or beginning of the 19th century, who met in their taverns and made the meeting of the lodge an occasion of revelry, entering one of the lodge rooms in 1916. He would scarcely recognize his Masonry in the well ordered Masonry of today, nor feel at home in lodge or at banquet, especially, as throughout the length and breadth of the land, the temperance spirit has so developed that the necessity or desire for that tonic, which our old brethren deemed essential to a good time, rarely appears on our tables or is longer considered as indispensable. Nor does improvement in lodge methods alone constitute the only change that has come over the craft. There are no records available for comparison regarding qualification demanded in bygone days, beyond the physical. The old law provided that the applicant conformed to the ideal of physical perfection as then understood. We do not esteem physical perfection a necessity, nor a possibility, as in one particular or another nature will have tired in her labours, and there will remain a lack of development in some part or organ, which prevents any mortal becoming physically perfect, and we are content in this connection to admit those who can comply with our form and ceremony. The most important change, consists in the general demand of the membership that the applicant of today be a well-balanced man, mentally endowed, and morally developed as to understand his relations with his fellows, and have clear conceptions of his obligations to the Supreme Architect of the Universe. It is now a general rule, applied over all the jurisdiction respecting applicants for membership that no man is fit to become a member of this order in whom the mental powers have not reached that degree of development, which will assure that he possesses the capacity to understand the system of which he desires, and is to become a part. The

same is true of his moral status, moral excellence has become essential, indispensable, and it is now esteemed that if an applicant lack that virtue, though he possess all other things, he is utterly unfit for the degrees of Masonry. There is also a better understanding in the craft that union and harmony constitute the very essence of Masonry—the only quality under which a lodge becomes really successful. Members now rarely bring their troubles and disputes to the lodge floor. Is it not a fact that men, particularly Masons, are recognizing more and more the futility of quarrels? And in proportion as that feeling grows, and animosities give place to peace and good-fellowship, there will be attracted to the halls of Masonry those who desire to extend their influence of whatever makes for the welfare and betterment of the human race.

During the year you have permitted me to rule over this craft, I have done what in me lay to forward the interests of Masonry in this Province. If I have succeeded in saying one word, or doing one act that has or will have good influence, I am satisfied, for my creed has been:

*To leave some simple mark behind,
That I have lived for men to find;
If enmity to aught I show
To be an honest, generous foe;
To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honors are not mine;
This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed.*

Fraternally yours,

S. A. LUKE,

Grand Master.

London, 19th July, 1916.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, that the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. W. D. McPherson, A. T. Freed and J. H. Burritt.

The Grand Secretary presented the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's reports as follows—

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements and Investment Accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1916.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.

Receipts from Grand Secretary:

From Lodges.....	\$41,507 91
Interest on Investments.....	4,945 63
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	72 89
Refund amount paid on account of expenses administration Belgian Fund....	33 93

Debentures Matured and Paid:

Brockville.....	446 77	
Berlin.....	777 69	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,224 46
		<hr/> \$47,784 82
To Balance due Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1915.....	\$ 4,640 34	
Outstanding Cheques.....	812 54	
	<hr/>	5,452 88
		<hr/> \$42,331 94

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Charges.....	\$19,107 31	
Benevolent Orders.....	30,625 00	
	<hr/>	\$49,732 31
Dr. Bank Balance at 31st May, 1916.....	\$ 6,868 71	
Outstanding Cheques.....	531 66	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,400 37
		<hr/> \$42,331 94

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

June 21st, 1916.

Auditor.

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS.

1915

June	14—	Grand Secretary, account incidentals.....	\$ 200 00
		Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th June.....	50 00
		Grand Secretary, salary to 30th June.....	750 00
		Auditor, salary to 30th June.....	75 00
		Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th June.....	66 67
		Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....	91 66
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....	60 00
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....	55 00
		Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....	83 33
	30—	Interest on overdraft.....	18 65
July	15—	Grand Master's Stenographer.....	100 00
		Deputy Grand Master, postage.....	15 00
		J. A. Macfadden, postage.....	15 00
		Geo. S. May, postage.....	10 00
		Hamilton Masonic Association, rent to 1st J'y	250 00
		Bell Telephone, account to 15th July.....	15 00
		Times Printing Co, account to 1st May, 1915	744 48
		Robert Raw Co., account to 1st July, 1915.....	42 10
		Robt. Duncan & Co., account to 1st July, 1915	39 40
		Clark & Co., account to 1st July, 1915.....	2 38
		Copp Clark Co., account for certificates.....	202 00
		Ambrose Kent Co., account to 1st July, 1915	3 50
		Eastern Canadian Passenger Association account.....	6 00
		G. S. May, account Grand Lodge expenses	1,300 00
	27—	Grand Master's account, expenses.....	200 00
		Grand Secretary's account, incidentals.....	200 00
		Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th July, 1915.....	66 67
		Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th July, 1915.....	91 66
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th July, 1915.....	60 00
		Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th July, 1915.....	55 00
		J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st July.....	250 00
			83 33
Aug.	13—	A. T. Freed, Foreign Correspondence	250 00
		Times Printing Co., account Grand Lodge Reports.....	393 50
		Simmons & Son, account floral wreaths.....	32 00
		Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st Aug	66 66
		Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August.....	91 68

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Aug.	13—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st August.....	83 34
Sept.	8—Thomas Lester, insurance premium.....	25 27
	Hugh Murray, insurance premium.....	25 27
	E. G. Payne, insurance premium.....	25 27
	Robert Duncan, account to 31st August.....	34 40
	Howell Lithographing Co., to 31st August.....	54 00
	Commercial Engravers, account G. M. Portrait.....	4 00
	Robert Raw Co., account to 31st August.....	5 40
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation.....	250 00
	27—Grand Secretary's salary to 30th September..	750 00
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th September..	50 00
	Auditor's account to 30th September.....	75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th Sep.	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September.....	91 67
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September.....	83 33
	John S. Gordon, account addresses.....	17 50
	Copp Clark Co., account.....	513 65
Oct.	16—Alexander Patterson, expenses M. R. A.....	50 00
	Masonic Hall Association, rent to 1st Oct.....	250 00
	20—Robert Raw Co., account.....	14 70
	Bell Telephone Co., account.....	15 25
	21—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation..	250 00
	26—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st Oct.	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October.....	91 67
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October.....	55 00
	Interest on overdraft.....	10 65
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October.....	83 33
Nov.	17—Testimonial to M. W. Bro. McPherson, P.G.M.	500 00
	Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond.....	12 50
	Grand Secretary's account, incidentals.....	200 00
	26—Balance Grand Lodge expenses.....	125 71
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th November..	66 66

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Nov.	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November.....	91 66
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November.....	83 34
	Interest on Bank overdraft.....	20 60
Dec.	13—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation.....	250 00
	17—Grand Master's Stenographer.....	100 00
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December....	50 00
	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st December....	750 00
	Auditor's salary to 31st December.....	75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st December.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December.....	91 66
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December.....	83 33
	31—Interest on Bank overdraft.....	29 70

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Jan.	21—Robert Duncan Co., account.....	13 50
	Copp Clark Co., account.....	824 46
	Times Printing Co., account.....	1,719 57
	Hamilton Paper Box Co., account.....	21 65
	Bell Telephone Co., account.....	15 00
	F. C. Ryan, account.....	19 50
	Grand Secretary.....	168 00
	27—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st January, 1916.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January.....	91 67
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th January.....	83 33
Feb.	4—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent.....	250 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 28th February.....	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	91 67
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	60 00

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Feb.	4—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	83 34
Mar.	23—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st March.....	50 00
	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March.....	750 00
	Auditor's salary to 31st March.....	75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st March.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	91 67
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	83 33
	Bank interest on overdraft.....	9 80
April	15—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to April 1st.....	250 00
	Robert Duncan Co., account to 30th April....	20 95
	Times Printing Co., account to 30th April....	352 40
	Bell Telephone Co., account to 30th April.....	15 30
	Masonic Relief Association.....	295 91
	Robert Raw Co., account to 30th April.....	7 80
	22—A. C. Turnbull Co., account to 30th April.....	19 00
	25—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th April.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	91 67
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	83 33
	Bank interest on overdraft.....	32 44
May	2—Grand Secretary, account incidentals.....	150 00
	5—Rent of Toronto General Trusts Company Box to 6-4-17.....	40 00
	26—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th May.....	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th May.....	91 66
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th May.....	83 34
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th May.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th May.....	55 00

1916

May 31—Bank interest on overdraft.....	29 15
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	\$19,107 31
Benevolent Orders.....	30,625 00
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	\$49,732 31
Dr. Balance due Bank.....	\$ 6,868 71
Outstanding cheques.....	531 66
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	7,400 37
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	<u>\$42,331 94</u>

The attached statement of Assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st of May, 1916, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the Vault Clerk of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited—certified to as being correct.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

June 21st, 1916.

GENERAL FUND

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1916.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	4½	4½	\$ 10000 00	\$ 10000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5	5	11000 00	11000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	2637 82	2574 24
Berlin, Town of.....	5	5	5523 08	5523 08
Brampton, Town of.....	6	6	1964 26	1964 26
Brandon, City of.....	5	4½	10399 00	10000 00
Brandon, City of.....	5	4⅝	2116 04	2000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3⅞	8173 60	8000 00
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4½	2726 53	2911 09
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4⅝	3002 15	3158 83
Hamilton, City of.....	4	4¾	2777 70	3000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	509 80	500 00
New Westminster, City of.....	5	4.80	5125 50	5000 00
New Westminster, City of.....	5	4¾	5208 50	5000 00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1613 60	1509 58
Peterborough, Town of.....	4½	4½	5121 37	5121 37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4⅞	1009 31	1000 00
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4 1-16	12026 07	12148 50
St. Thomas, City of.....	5	4½	5536 99	5351 16
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4⅝	980 95	1000 00
Strathcona City of.....	4½	4¾	4842 00	5018 28
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4484 14	4866 66
			\$106778 41	\$106647 05
Balance due Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1916, overdrawn.....			\$ 6868 71	
Cheques outstanding, May 31st, 1916.....			531 66	
				\$ 7400 37
				<u>\$ 99246 68</u>

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Correct, June 21st, 1916.

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.,

Auditor.

1915-1916

PAYMENTS BY GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT
OF BENEVOLENCE, GENERAL FUND

June, 1915

26 Mrs. T. D. H.....	\$75 00
Miss M. W.....	75 00
Miss M. H. H.....	18 75

August

9 Mrs. J. V.....	30 00
Mrs. W. A. T.....	30 00
Mrs. W. B. H.....	50 00
Mrs. H. J. H.....	50 00
Miss C. P.....	25 00
Miss U. P.....	25 00
Mrs. J. R. Q.....	25 00
Mrs. A. S.....	30 00
Mrs. N. B. C.....	75 00
Mrs. G. G.....	30 00
Mrs. R. W.....	50 00
Bro. T. K.....	50 00
Mrs. G. P.....	40 00
Mrs. R. A. K.....	40 00
Mrs. R. T. P.....	50 00
Mrs. T. H. W.....	40 00
Mrs. A. T.....	20 00
Bro. D. F.....	30 00
Mrs. J. McK.....	25 00
Mrs. C. W. S. S.....	30 00
Bro. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. J. D. L.....	50 00
Mrs. J. J. M.....	50 00
Bro. G. W.....	50 00
Mrs. J. C.....	50 00
Mrs. J. R. G.....	25 00
Mrs. J. F. H.....	25 00
Mrs. R. W. K.....	25 00
Mrs. J. A. M.....	15 00
Mrs. T. R. McD.....	25 00
Mrs. J. M.....	15 00
Mrs. A. M.....	40 00
Mrs. G. V.....	40 00
Mrs. W. J. C.....	30 00
Mrs. W. H. H.....	15 00
Mrs. A. H.....	50 00
Bro. T. H. L.....	25 00
Bro. P. L.....	50 00
Mrs. W. J. McB.....	30 00
Mrs. T. McC.....	20 00
Bro. J. B. S.....	50 00
Bro. R. T. D.....	50 00
Bro. W. J. H.....	30 00

August

9 Mrs. C. W. M.....	30 00
Mrs. J. M.....	40 00
Bro. A. E. B.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. B.....	40 00
Bro. E. H. B.....	75 00
Mrs. M. J. T.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. W. P.....	30 00
Mrs. T. E.....	30 00
Miss F. A. A. F.....	30 00
Mrs. H. G.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H.....	10 00
Mrs. H. L. K.....	30 00
Mrs. R. O.....	20 00
Mrs. A. P.....	30 00
Mrs. J. P.....	25 00
Bro. J. A. S.....	75 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
Mrs. J. B.....	30 00
Bro. C. B.....	50 00
Mrs. T. W. H.....	40 00
Mrs. T. McC L.....	40 00
Mrs. W. R. B.....	25 00
Mrs. G. C.....	30 00
Mrs. J. W. C.....	30 00
Bro. J. J. H.....	75 00
Mrs. W. H. H.....	30 00
Mrs. A. J.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. P.....	20 00
Mrs. B. C. T.....	30 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. T. B.....	15 00
Mrs. W. H. W.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. C.....	50 00
Mrs. J. E.....	30 00
Mrs. P. G.....	40 00
Miss H. H.....	20 00
Mrs. W. B.....	20 00
Mrs. W. H.....	50 00
Mrs. W. R. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. P.....	25 00
Mrs. D. B.....	30 00
Mrs. A. D.....	40 00
Miss E. M. K.....	20 00
Mrs. J. W. M.....	20 00

August

9 Mrs. W. F.	40 00
Mrs. A. H.	15 00
Mrs. W. H. H.	20 00
Mrs. F. A. G.	50 00
Mrs. J. J. R.	50 00
Mrs. T. B.	25 00
Mrs. J. A. C.	75 00
Mrs. W. D. I.	20 00
Mrs. W. P. K.	20 00
Mrs. A. L.	25 00
Mrs. J. McK.	25 00
Mrs. W. McM.	30 00
Mrs. C. W. M.	10 00
Mrs. A. M.	10 00
Mrs. W. H. T.	40 00
Mrs. R. J. C.	30 00
Mrs. W. S.	30 00
Mrs. H. T. W.	30 00
Mrs. W. B.	30 00
Mrs. H. C.	20 00
Mrs. G. N.	25 00
Mrs. E. L.	30 00
Mrs. W. E. J.	40 00
Mrs. C. McL.	40 00
Miss L. McL.	25 00
Miss B. McL.	25 00
Miss A. B.	20 00
Mrs. H. H.	25 00
Mrs. D. McK.	25 00
Miss E. R.	30 00
Mrs. T. T. S.	20 00
Mrs. W. H. S.	30 00
Mrs. G. S.	30 00
Bro. R. A. W.	50 00
Mrs. T. A.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. C.	30 00
Mrs. E. F.	40 00
Bro. J. H.	75 00
Bro. J. K.	75 00
Bro. R. J. L.	30 00
Mrs. F. S. B.	40 00
Bro. A. E. B.	75 00
Mrs. T. G.	50 00
Mrs. J. H.	30 00
Bro. F. R.	50 00
Mrs. T. G. F.	30 00
Mrs. E. S. W.	25 00
Mrs. D. H. W.	25 00
Bro. R. J. H.	50 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. A. R. P.	40 00
Mrs. J. T. G.	30 00
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Mrs. W. A. B.	30 00
Miss E. E.	20 00
Mrs. A. W.	25 00
Mrs. S. W.	30 00
Bro. F. J.	50 00
Mrs. R. A. M.	40 00
Mrs. J. R. L. S.	25 00
Mrs. G. H. B.	40 00
Mrs. H. H. M.	50 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. H. T. L.	40 00
Mrs. O. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. F. D.	40 00
Mrs. J. S. G.	20 00
Mrs. R. K.	50 00
Mrs. G. B. L.	30 00
Mrs. T. McK.	50 00
Mrs. W. P.	30 00
Bro. S. R.	50 00
Mrs. J. W. H.	30 00
Mrs. J. H.	25 00
Mrs. H. St. V. J.	20 00
Mrs. H. S. McG.	20 00
Mrs. G. S. McT.	40 00
Mrs. C. H. N.	40 00
Mrs. R. C.	30 00
Mrs. F. W. S.	40 00
Mrs. W. F. L.	30 00
Mrs. H. M.	50 00
Mrs. A. F. F.	40 00
Mrs. W. E. H.	20 00
Mrs. F. A. R.	50 00
Mrs. C. F. H. S.	40 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. S. B.	20 00
Mrs. W. R. B.	30 00
Bro. H. E. C.	50 00
Mrs. W. C.	30 00
Mrs. C. F. S.	50 00
Mrs. G. E. W.	50 00
Mrs. J. J. M.	30 00
Mrs. J. A. B.	30 00
Bro. M. G. R.	75 00
Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
Mrs. H. H.	40 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. J. S.	30 00
Mrs. R. B.	40 00
Mrs. W. T. W.	40 00
Mrs. A. C.	20 00
Bro. S. B.	75 00
Miss A. C.	50 00
Mrs. M. W. P.	30 00
Mrs. F. C. F.	40 00
Mrs. A. A. C.	50 00

August

9 Mrs. G. C. W.....	50 00
Mrs. J. M.....	50 00
Mrs. W. F.....	50 00
Mrs. R. A. D.....	40 00
Mrs. C. H. H.....	30 00
Mrs. C. J. H.....	40 00
Mrs. G. F. H.....	30 00
Mrs. S. S. R.....	30 00
Mrs. W. B. W.....	50 00
Mrs. D. L.....	25 00
Mrs. T. H. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. W.....	10 00
Mrs. A. C.....	30 00
Mrs. H. E.....	25 00
Miss S. W.....	40 00
Mrs. F. W. S.....	30 00
Mrs. T. H.....	30 00
Bro. R. R.....	75 00
Bro. S. A. N.....	50 00
Mrs. E. W.....	30 00
Miss B. W.....	30 00
Mrs. W. B. U.....	30 00
Mrs. C. J. A.....	20 00
Mrs. H. A.....	40 00
Mrs. A. W. W.....	50 00
Mrs. A. A. B.....	25 00
Mrs. J. D. I.....	50 00
Mrs. A. R. V.....	25 00
Bro. J. G. M.....	75 00
Mrs. A. C.....	40 00
Mrs. W. K.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. C.....	50 00
Mrs. J. M.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. A.....	50 00
Mrs. J. B.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H.....	40 00
Mrs. C. C.....	25 00
Bro. F. M.....	75 00
Brs. J. M.....	50 00
Bro. R. T. A.....	75 00
Mrs. J. H. C.....	25 00
Bro. J. K.....	75 00
Mrs. J. McG.....	30 00
Bro. F. R.....	30 00
Bro. J. W.....	50 00
Bro. G. B.....	25 00
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Bro. J. R.....	30 00
Mrs. J. Y.....	30 00
Bro. H. C. P.....	30 00
Mrs. J. E.....	20 00
Mrs. T. G.....	30 00
Mrs. C. F. R.....	40 00
Mrs. W. R. A.....	15 00
Bro. A. C.....	20 00

August

9 Mrs. J. L. C.....	30 00
Mrs. M. M.....	25 00
Mrs. C. H. C.....	20 00
Mrs. G. G. F.....	50 00
Mrs. G. G.....	20 00
Mrs. W. E. K.....	20 00
Mrs. S. T.....	40 00
Mrs. I. H. F.....	20 00
Mrs. E. G. A.....	25 00
Mrs. P. F.....	30 00
Bro. A. E.....	50 00
Bro. C. L. W.....	50 00
Mrs. R. W. L.....	30 00
Mrs. W. M.....	50 00
Mrs. J. H.....	30 00
Bro. J. E. R.....	75 00
Mrs. W. A.....	30 00
Mrs. C. E. D.....	50 00
Mrs. W.....	50 00
Mrs. A. S.....	25 00
Mrs. N. P. F.....	30 00
Mrs. G. R.....	40 00
Mrs. J. S.....	20 00
Mrs. G. A. T.....	25 00
Mrs. M. C. W.....	30 00
Mrs. C. F.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H. T.....	30 00
Mrs. G. W. V.....	40 00
Mrs. J. W. M.....	30 00
Mrs. J. E. A.....	30 00
Mrs. T. G. B.....	50 00
Mrs. C. B.....	10 00
Mrs. D. C. K.....	40 00
Mrs. G. C. S.....	40 00
Bro. J. F.....	75 00
Mrs. J. F.....	50 00
Miss M. L.....	25 00
Mrs. J. R.....	50 00
Bro. D. C.....	75 00
Mrs. W. W. C.....	40 00
Mrs. T. E. T.....	50 00
Bro. G. W. P.....	30 00
Mrs. B. R.....	30 00
Mrs. J. P.....	40 00
Mrs. S. J. H.....	25 00
Mrs. W. S. S.....	25 00
Bro. R. A.....	50 00
Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
Miss H. S.....	30 00
Mrs. T. H.....	25 00
Mrs. T. D. P.....	30 00
Mrs. E. G.....	30 00
Mrs. C. A. C.....	25 00
Mrs. J. C.....	25 00
Mrs. G. A. S.....	40 00
Bro. J. McI.....	50 00

August

9 Mrs. R. L. S.....	50 00
Mrs. W. R. S.....	30 00
Bro. H. T.....	50 00
Bro. A. P. L.....	25 00
Bro. C. D. W.....	75 00
Mrs. J. F.....	30 00
Mrs. W. W.....	50 00
Mrs. A. S.....	20 00
Bro. S. R.....	25 00
Mrs. R. C.....	30 00
Mrs. A. K.....	30 00
Bro. W. H. L.....	75 00
Mrs. J. Z.....	30 00
Mrs. S. W.....	30 00
Bro. W. W.....	50 00
Bro. J. P. M.....	50 00
Bro. W. B. A.....	30 00
Mrs. D. McN.....	30 00
Mrs. D. C.....	20 00
Bro. J. W.....	50 00
Bro. J. C.....	50 00
Mrs. W. D.....	25 00
Mrs. R. S. M.....	30 00
Mrs. R. T. H.....	25 00
Mrs. G. W. A.....	40 00
Mrs. R. V.....	40 00
Mrs. T. C. L.....	40 00
Mrs. E. D.....	40 00
Mrs. W. D.....	30 00
Bro. W. F. McD.....	75 00
Mrs. J. P. V.....	30 00
Mrs. J. F. S.....	25 00
Bro. C. S.....	75 00
Mrs. H. R.....	35 00
Mrs. E. F.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. A. E. H.....	30 00
Mrs. J. M.....	25 00
Bro. J. J. B.....	50 00
Mrs. D. H. C.....	30 00
Mrs. R. G. R.....	20 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. H. L.....	30 00
Mrs. A. A. M.....	40 00
Bro. R. E.....	75 00
Bro. J. McN.....	50 00
Bro. J. C. M.....	50 00
Bro. J. B.....	75 00
Mrs. J. S.....	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W. W.....	40 00
Bro. G. W.....	50 00
Bro. H. H.....	30 00
Bro. G. A. F. C.....	40 00
Mrs. J. C.....	40 00
Bro. D. T.....	40 00

August

9 Mrs. J. W. R.....	25 00
Mrs. P. G. W. and Children.....	75 00
Mrs. R. R. M.....	25 00
Mrs. S. H. W.....	40 00
Bro. J. M.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W. P.....	30 00
Mrs. H. R. S.....	30 00
Bro. J. C.....	50 00
Bro. J. F. S.....	50 00
Bro. S. C. D.....	75 00
Miss M. C.....	30 00
Bro. J. E.....	50 00
Mrs. J. C.....	40 00
Mrs. J. H. B.....	50 00
Mrs. A. C.....	30 00
Mrs. G. F. H.....	30 00
Bro. H. C. E. C.....	25 00
Mrs. J. K. A.....	50 00
Bro. H. A.....	50 00
Bro. T. M.....	50 00
Bro. J. N.....	50 00
Bro. G. W. S.....	50 00
Mrs. W. B.....	30 00
Mrs. H. P.....	50 00
Mrs. S. S.....	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.....	50 00
Mrs. W. R.....	50 00
Mrs. W. C.....	25 00
Mrs. A. C.....	50 00
Bro. C. W.....	50 00
Mrs. A. S.....	30 00
Mrs. A. L. R.....	30 00
Mrs. J. A. R.....	30 00
Mrs. T. L.....	30 00
Bro. F. M.....	75 00
Mrs. J. A. McN.....	50 00
Bro. J. B.....	30 00
Mrs. J. W. G.....	50 00
Bro. W. M.....	50 00
Mrs. A. B.....	50 00
Bro. G. B.....	50 00

September

28 Mrs. T. D. H.....	75 00
Miss M. W.....	75 00
Miss M. H. H.....	18 75

October

12 Bro. F. M. P. W.....	75 00
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December

21 Mrs. T. D. H.....	75 00
Miss M. W.....	75 00
Miss M. H. H.....	18 75

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February

21 Mrs. J. V.....	30 00
Mrs. W. A. T.....	30 00

February

21	Mrs. W. B. H.....	50 00
	Mrs. H. J. H.....	50 00
	Miss C. P.....	25 00
	Miss U. P.....	25 00
	Mrs. J. R. Q.....	25 00
	Mrs. A. S.....	30 00
	Bro. N. B. C.....	75 00
	Mrs. G. G.....	30 00
	Mrs. R. W.....	50 00
	Bro. D. F.....	30 00
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	Mrs. G. P.....	40 00
	Mrs. R. A. K.....	40 00
	Mrs. R. T. P.....	50 00
	Mrs. T. H. W.....	40 00
	Mrs. A. T.....	20 00
	Mrs. J. McK.....	25 00
	Mrs. C. W. S. S.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. D. L.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. J. M.....	50 00
	Bro. G. W.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. R. G.....	25 00
	Mrs. J. F. H.....	25 00
	Mrs. R. M. K.....	25 00
	Mrs. J. A. M.....	15 00
	Mrs. T. E. McD.....	25 00
	Mrs. J. M.....	15 00
	Mrs. A. M.....	40 00
	Mrs. H. G. V.....	40 00
	Mrs. W. J. C.....	30 00
	Mrs. W. H. H.....	15 00
	Mrs. A. H.....	50 00
	Mrs. T. H. L.....	25 00
	Bro. P. L.....	50 00
	Mrs. W. J. McB.....	30 00
	Mrs. T. McC.....	20 00
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	Bro. J. W.....	30 00
	Bro. W. J. H.....	30 00
	Mrs. C. W. M.....	30 00
	Mrs. A. E. B.....	30 00
	Mrs. W. J. B.....	40 00
	Mrs. E. H. B.....	75 00
	Miss M. J. T.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
	Mrs. T. E.....	30 00
	Miss F. F.....	30 00
	Mrs. H. G.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. H.....	10 00
	Mrs. H. L. K.....	30 00
	Mrs. R. O.....	20 00
	Mrs. A. P.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. P.....	25 00
	Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. B.....	30 00

February

21	Bro. C. B.....	50 00
	Mrs. T. W. H.....	40 00
	Mrs. T. McC L.....	40 00
	Mrs. W. R. B.....	25 00
	Mrs. G. C.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. W. C.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. H.....	75 00
	Mrs. W. H. H.....	30 00
	Mrs. A. J.....	30 00
	Mrs. W. J. S.....	40 00
	Mrs. W. P.....	20 00
	Mrs. B. C. T.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
	Mrs. T. B.....	15 00
	Mrs. W. H. W.....	30 00
	Bro. W. G. E.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. E.....	30 00
	Miss H. M. H.....	20 00
	Mrs. W. B.....	20 00
	Mrs. W. H.....	50 00
	Mrs. W. R. S.....	40 00
	Mrs. W. T.....	25 00
	Mrs. D. B.....	30 00
	Mrs. A. D.....	40 00
	Miss E. McK.....	20 00
	Mrs. J. W. M.....	20 00
	Mrs. W. F.....	40 00
	Mrs. A. H.....	15 00
	Mrs. W. M. H.....	20 00
	Mrs. F. A. G.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. L. R.....	50 00
	Mrs. T. B.....	25 00
	Bro. J. A. C.....	75 00
	Mrs. W. D. J.....	20 00
	Mrs. W. P. K.....	20 00
	Mrs. J. McK.....	25 00
	Mrs. W. McM.....	30 00
	Mrs. C. W. M.....	10 00
	Mrs. A. M.....	10 00
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	Mrs. E. L.....	30 00
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	Mrs. C. McL.....	40 00
	Miss L. McL.....	25 00
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	Miss A. V.....	20 00
	Mrs. H. H.....	25 00
	Mrs. D. McK.....	25 00
	Mrs. W. H. S.....	30 00

February

21 Mrs. G. S.	30 00
Bro. R. A. W.	50 00
Mrs. T. A.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. C.	30 00
Mrs. E. F.	40 00
Bro. W. J. K.	75 00
Mrs. R. J. L.	30 00
Mrs. F. S. B.	40 00
Bro. A. E. B.	75 00
Mrs. T. G.	50 00
Mrs. J. H.	30 00
Bro. F. R.	50 00
Mrs. T. G. F.	30 00
Mrs. E. S. W.	25 00
Mrs. D. H. W.	25 00
Bro. R. J. H.	50 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. A. P.	40 00
Mrs. J. T. G.	30 00
Mrs. W. P.	30 00
Mrs. S. G. S.	30 00
Mrs. D. B.	30 00
Mrs. J. H. B.	20 00
Mrs. J. W. B.	30 00
Mrs. W. A. B.	30 00
Miss E. E.	20 00
Mrs. A. W.	25 00
Mrs. S. W.	30 00
Bro. F. J.	50 00
Mrs. R. A. M.	40 00
Mrs. J. R. L. S.	25 00
Mrs. G. H. B.	40 00
Mrs. W. H. M.	50 00
Mrs. J. R. W.	30 00
Mrs. H. T. LeB.	40 00
Mrs. O. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. F. D.	40 00
Mrs. J. S. G.	20 00
Mrs. R. K.	50 00
Mrs. G. B. L.	30 00
Mrs. T. McK.	50 00
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Bro. S. R.	50 00
Mrs. J. W. H.	30 00
Mrs. J. H.	25 00
Mrs. H. St. V. J.	20 00
Mrs. H. S. McG.	20 00
Mrs. G. S. McI.	40 00
Mrs. F. W. S.	40 00
Mrs. W. F. L.	30 00
Mrs. A. V. F.	40 00
Mrs. W. E. H.	20 00
Mrs. F. A. R.	50 00
Mrs. C. F. H. S.	40 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. S. B.	20 00

February

21 Mrs. W. R. B.	30 00
Bro. H. E. C.	50 00
Mrs. W. C.	30 00
Mrs. C. F. S.	50 00
Mrs. G. E. W.	50 00
Mrs. J. J. M.	30 00
Bro. M. J. R.	75 00
Mrs. J. A. B.	30 00
Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
Mrs. H. H.	40 00
Mrs. J. W.	25 00
Mrs. J. S.	30 00
Mrs. R. B.	40 00
Mrs. W. T. W.	40 00
Mrs. A. C.	20 00
Miss A. C.	50 00
Mrs. M. W. P.	30 00
Mrs. F. C. F.	40 00
Mrs. A. A. C.	50 00
Mrs. G. O. W.	50 00
Mrs. J. M.	50 00
Mrs. W. F.	50 00
Mrs. R. A. D.	40 00
Mrs. C. H. H.	30 00
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Mrs. G. F. B.	30 00
Mrs. S. S. R.	30 00
Mrs. W. B. W.	50 00
Mrs. J. C.	50 00
Mrs. D. L.	25 00
Mrs. T. H. S.	40 00
Mrs. W. W.	10 00
Mrs. A. C.	30 00
Mrs. H. E.	25 00
Miss S. W.	40 00
Mrs. F. W. S.	30 00
Bro. R. R.	75 00
Bro. S. A. M.	50 00
Mrs. E. W.	30 00
Miss B. W.	30 00
Mrs. W. B. U.	30 00
Mrs. C. J. A.	20 00
Mrs. H. A.	40 00
Mrs. A. A. B.	25 00
Mrs. J. D. I.	50 00
Mrs. A. R. V.	25 00
Mrs. A. C.	40 00
Mrs. W. K.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. C.	50 00
Mrs. J. M.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. A.	50 00
Mrs. J. B.	30 00
Mrs. J. E. H.	40 00
Mrs. C. C.	25 00
Bro. J. M.	50 00
Bro. R. T. A.	75 00

February

21	Mrs. T. H. C.....	25 00
	Bro. J. K.....	75 00
	Mrs. J. McG.....	30 00
	Bro. F. R.....	30 00
	Bro. J. W.....	50 00
	Bro. G. B.....	25 00
	Mrs. A. W.....	40 00
	Mrs. J. B.....	40 00
	Mrs. J. R.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. Y.....	30 00
	Bro. H. C. P.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. E.....	20 00
	Mrs. T. G.....	30 00
	Mrs. C. F. R.....	40 00
	Mrs. W. R. A.....	15 00
	Mrs. A. C. C.....	20 00
	Mrs. J. L. C.....	30 00
	Mrs. M. M.....	25 00
	Mrs. E. C. A.....	25 00
	Mrs. P. F.....	30 00
	Bro. C. L. W.....	50 00
	Mrs. R. W. L.....	30 00
	Mrs. W. McG.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. H.....	30 00
	Bro. J. E. R.....	75 00
	Mrs. C. E. D.....	50 00
	Mrs. C. H. C.....	20 00
	Mrs. G. O. F.....	50 00
	Mrs. G. G.....	20 00
	Mrs. W. E. K.....	20 00
	Mrs. S. T.....	40 00
	Mrs. I. H. P.....	20 00
	Mrs. J. W.....	50 00
	Mrs. A. R. S.....	25 00
	Mrs. G. R.....	40 00
	Mrs. J. S.....	20 00
	Mrs. G. A. T.....	25 00
	Mrs. M. C. W.....	30 00
	Mrs. C. F.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. H. T.....	30 00
	Mrs. G. W. V.....	40 00
	Mrs. J. W. M.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. E. A.....	30 00
	Mrs. T. G. B.....	50 00
	Mrs. C. B.....	10 00
	Mrs. D. G. K.....	40 00
	Mrs. G. S.....	40 00
	Mrs. J. F.....	50 00
	Miss M. L.....	25 00
	Bro. D. C.....	75 00
	Mrs. N. M. C.....	40 00
	Bro. G. W. P.....	30 00
	Mrs. B. R.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. P.....	40 00
	Mrs. S. J. H.....	25 00
	Mrs. W. J. S.....	25 00

February

21	Bro. R. A.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
	Miss H. S.....	30 00
	Mrs. T. H.....	25 00
	Mrs. T. D. P.....	30 00
	Mrs. E. G.....	30 00
	Mrs. C. A. C.....	25 00
	Mrs. J. C.....	25 00
	Mrs. G. A. S.....	40 00
	Bro. J. McL.....	50 00
	Mrs. R. L. S.....	50 00
	Mrs. W. R. S.....	30 00
	Bro. H. T.....	50 00
	Bro. A. P. L.....	25 00
	Bro. C. D. W.....	75 00
	Mrs. J. F.....	30 00
	Mrs. F. M. P. W.....	75 00
	Mrs. W. W.....	50 00
	Mrs. A. S.....	20 00
	Bro. S. R.....	25 00
	Mrs. R. C.....	30 00
	Mrs. A. K.....	30 00
	Bro. W. H. L.....	75 00
	Mrs. J. Z.....	30 00
	Mrs. S. W.....	30 00
	Bro. W. W.....	50 00
	Bro. J. P. M.....	50 00
	Bro. W. B. A.....	30 00
	Mrs. D. McN.....	30 00
	Mrs. R. C.....	20 00
	Bro. J. W.....	50 00
	Bro. J. C.....	50 00
	Mrs. W. D.....	25 00
	Mrs. R. S. M.....	30 00
	Mrs. R. T. H.....	25 00
	Mrs. G. W. A.....	40 00
	Mrs. R. V.....	40 00
	Mrs. T. C. L.....	40 00
	Mrs. E. D.....	40 00
	Mrs. W. D.....	30 00
	Mrs. W. F. McD.....	75 00
	Mrs. J. P. V.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. F. S.....	25 00
	Bro. C. S.....	75 00
	Mrs. H. R.....	35 00
	Mrs. E. F.....	30 00
	Mrs. M. J. W.....	30 00
	Mrs. A. E. H.....	30 00
	Mrs. J. M.....	25 00
	Mrs. D. H. C.....	30 00
	Mrs. R. G. R.....	20 00
	Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
	Mrs. H. L.....	30 00
	Mrs. A. A. M.....	40 00
	Bro. R. E.....	75 00
	Bro. J. McN.....	50 00

February

21 Bro. J. C. M.....	50 00
Bro. J. B.....	75 00
Mrs. J. S.....	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W. W.....	40 00
Bro. G. W.....	50 00
Bro. H. H.....	30 00
Bro. G. A. F. C.....	40 00
Mrs. J. C.....	40 00
Bro. D. T.....	40 00
Mrs. J. W. B.....	25 00
Mrs. P. W. and Children.....	75 00
Mrs. B. R. M.....	25 00
Mrs. S. H. W.....	40 00
Bro. J. M.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W. P.....	30 00
Mrs. H. B. S.....	30 00
Bro. J. C.....	50 00
Bro. I. E. Q.....	50 00
Bro. S. C. D.....	75 00
Mrs. J. C.....	40 00
Mrs. J. H. B.....	50 00
Mrs. A. C.....	30 00
Mrs. C. W. H.....	30 00
Bro. H. C. E. C.....	25 00
Mrs. J. E. A.....	50 00
Bro. H. A.....	50 00
Bro. T. M.....	50 00
Bro. J. N.....	50 00
Bro. G. W. S.....	50 00
Mrs. W. B.....	30 00
Mrs. H. P.....	50 00
Mrs. S. S.....	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.....	50 00
Mrs. W. B.....	50 00
Mrs. W. C.....	25 00
Mrs. A. C.....	50 00

February

21 Bro. C. W.....	50 00
Mrs. A. S.....	30 00
Mrs. A. S. R.....	30 00
Mrs. J. A. R.....	30 00
Mrs. T. L.....	30 00
Bro. F. M.....	75 00
Mrs. J. A. McN.....	50 00
Bro. J. B.....	30 00
Mrs. J. W. G.....	50 00
Bro. W. M.....	50 00
Mrs. A. B.....	50 00
Bro. J. A. M.....	50 00
Mrs. H. D.....	50 00
24 Mrs. W. B.....	50 00
Mrs. W. J. W.....	50 00
28 Bro. J. C.....	50 00
March	
4 Miss A. V.....	30 00
6 Mrs. G. H. M.....	50 00
7 Mrs. C. H. N.....	40 00
14 Mrs. J. D. S. C.....	40 00
Miss F. C.....	50 00
22 Mrs. F. A. P.....	30 00
Mrs. F. R.....	30 00
28 Mrs. T. D. H.....	75 00
Miss M. W.....	75 00
Miss M. H. H.....	18 75
April	
19 Miss J. E. T.....	50 00
20 Mrs. G. S.....	50 00
Bro. A. H. H.....	50 00

\$30,700 00

Less Cheque 5537

W. A. Rooney,

Cancelled..... 75 00

\$30,625 00

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A. F & A. M. of Canada in the Province of
Ontario, Canada.

I herewith submit a statement of receipts and expenditures of
the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ending 31st May, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

To balance at the credit of the account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1915.....	\$ 1,550 43	
Less outstanding Cheques.....	560 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 990 43
Amount received from Grand Secretary dur- ing year ending 31st May, 1916.....	19 00	
Interest on Investments.....	4,846 71	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	59 03	
Berlin Debentures, installments.....	690 27	
Berlin Debentures installments.....	59 29	
St. Thomas.....	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	10,674 30
		<hr/>
		<u>\$11,664 73</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase of Tilbury East Debs.....	\$ 641 20	
Purchase of Tilbury East Debs.....	138 63	
Accrued interest on Debs. purchased	25 84	
Dominion of Canada War Bonds....	195 50	
Dominion of Canada War Bonds....	4,996 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,997 57
Benevolent Orders.....	5,445 00	
	<hr/>	11,442 57
Balance in Bank.....	\$ 767 16	
Less outstanding cheques.....	545 00	
	<hr/>	222 16
		<hr/>
		<u>\$11,664 73</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.
Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1916.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
DEBENTURES				
Berlin, City of	5	4½	\$ 1150 94	\$ 1102 65
Berlin, City of	5	4¾	4990 58	4929 94
Berlin, City of	5	4½	3088 38	3000 00
Brampton, Town of	6	6	1841 49	1841 49
Brandon, City of	5	4½	4170 00	4000 00
Calgary, City of	4½	4½	3980 00	4000 00
Dom. of Canada, War loan.....	5	5.30	5183 00	5200 00
Dnrham, Town of.....	5	5½	1439 71	1528 43
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1695 60	2000 00
Ingersoll, Town of.....	4	5	891 60	1000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	1019 60	1000 00
North Vancouder, Dist. of.....	4½	4¾	2880 60	3000 00
Oakville, Town of.....	5	4¾	4971 42	4787 92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4316 40	4316 40
Owen Sound, Town of.....	4½	5	940 10	1000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	4¼	2200 80	2000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	5.20	1950 60	2000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	3	4	1693 20	2000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4	5	907 90	1000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4¾	4½	1905 50	1850 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3854 72	3854 72
St. Catharines, City of.....	4	4¼	5141 74	5319 96
St. Mary's, Town of.....	4½	4.80	8658 63	9000 00
Saltfleet, Township of.....	5	4¾	4119 22	4000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of.....	5	4¾	1862 64	1800 00
Seathforth, Town of.....	5	4¾	4105 56	4000 00
Shuniah, Municipality of.....	5	4⅞	1015 90	1000 00
Strathroy, Town of.....	5	5⅞	1459 73	1546 54
Tilbury East, Township of.....	6	5½	779 83	766 68
Walkerville, Town of.....	4½	4¾	3516 34	3581 16
Walkerville, Town of.....	4½	5⅞	599 88	639 13
Windsor, City of	4	4½	3867 97	4083 89
Windsor, City of	5	6	2430 70	2706 65
Woodstock, City of.....	4½	4.05	4240 00	4000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corp...	5	5	5000 00	5000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Assoc- iation Stock.....		6	100 00	100 00
			\$101970 28	\$102955 56
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1916			\$ 767 16	
Less outstanding Cheques.....			545 00	
				\$ 222 16
				\$103177 72

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Correct, June 21st, 1916.

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.,

Auditor.

1915-1916

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE, SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

August, 1915		December		
12	Miss M. W.....	\$50 00	13 Mrs. W. T. W.....	10 00
October			Bro. S. B.....	25 00
1	Bro. T. McM.....	50 00	Mrs. H. F.....	20 00
5	Bro. J. P.....	50 00	Mrs. H. A.....	25 00
	Mrs. A. F.....	50 00	Mrs. W. J. C.....	25 00
21	Mrs. L. Y.....	50 00	Mrs. J. E. H.....	20 00
	Mrs. H. H.....	50 00	Bro. F. R.....	25 00
29	Mrs. A. A.....	50 00	Bro. J. K.....	50 00
	Bro. J. McL.....	50 00	Mrs. G. O. F.....	25 00
November			Bro. J. E. R.....	75 00
3	Bro. G. R. L.....	50 00	Mrs. J. W.....	25 00
22	Bro. A. F. C.....	50 00	Mrs. J. F.....	50 00
	Bro. G. L. G.....	50 00	Mrs. J. R.....	25 00
December			Mrs. T. E. T.....	25 00
2	Miss F. A. F.....	60 00	Mrs. J. P.....	25 00
10	Bro. T. K.....	25 00	Bro. R. A.....	25 00
	Mrs. J. J. M.....	25 00	Bro. C. D. W.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. C.....	25 00	Mrs. W. W.....	25 00
	Mrs. C. W. M.....	20 00	Mrs. W. E. L.....	50 00
	Mrs. J. M.....	10 00	Mrs. A. A. M.....	10 00
	Bro. E. H. B.....	50 00	Bro. J. B.....	75 00
	Bro. J. A.....	25 00	Mrs. J. W. W.....	20 00
	Mrs. T. C. McL.....	25 00	Mrs. J. H. B.....	25 00
	Mrs. W. J. S.....	25 00	Bro. W. E. C.....	20 00
	Mrs. F. A. G.....	25 00	Mrs. W. B.....	25 00
	Bro. J. A. C.....	75 00	Mrs. A. C.....	20 00
13	Miss E. K.....	10 00	Bro. F. McD.....	50 00
	Mrs. E. L.....	20 00	Mrs. J. A. McN.....	25 00
	Mrs. G. S.....	10 00	Miss M. W.....	50 00
	Mrs. W. J. K.....	50 00	Mrs. W. F.....	20 00
	Bro. A. E. B.....	40 00	Bro. H. McP.....	20 00
	Mrs. T. G.....	25 00	Mrs. T. G.....	10 00
	Bro. R. J. H.....	25 00	Mrs. A. S.....	20 00
	Mrs. A. R. P.....	20 00	Mrs. R. C.....	20 00
	Mrs. W. M.....	25 00	Mrs. W. D.....	10 00
	Mrs. T. McK.....	25 00	Mrs. J. F. S.....	10 00
	Mrs. A. V. F.....	10 00	Mrs. D. H. C.....	30 00
	Mrs. M. G. R.....	25 00	Mrs. J. McK.....	15 00
	Bro. H. G. C.....	25 00	Mrs. J. W.....	10 00
	Mrs. C. F. S.....	25 00	Bro. J. J. H.....	25 00
	Mrs. G. E. W.....	25 00	Mrs. T. B.....	10 00
	Mrs. T. H. W.....	10 00	Mrs. R. C.....	20 00
	Mrs. T. E. McD.....	10 00	Mrs. H. C.....	10 00
	Bro. J. B.....	10 00	Bro. S. R.....	25 00
	Mrs. T. W. H.....	10 00	Mrs. S. J. H.....	10 00
	Mrs. W. F.....	20 00	Bro. J. W.....	25 00
	Mrs. E. F.....	10 00	Bro. C. W.....	25 00
	Mrs. C. H. S.....	10 00	Mrs. A. S. R.....	20 00

December

13 Mrs. T. L.....	20 00
Bro. J. P.....	25 00
Miss O. G.....	20 00
21 Mrs. W. R.....	50 00
24 Bro. H. K. M.....	50 00
27 Mrs. J. G.....	50 00
Bro. G. P.....	50 00
Bro. A. E. G.....	50 00

1916

January

4 Bro. J. R.....	50 00
Bro. T. C.....	50 00
27 Bro. A. C.....	50 00
Bro. G. E. M.....	50 00

February

5 Bro. S. M. S.....	50 00
Bro. W. H. I.....	50 00
Bro. M. E. L.....	50 00

March

14 Bro. J. W.....	50 00
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May

8 Bro. T. K.....	25 00
Mrs. J. J. M.....	25 00
Miss F. C.....	25 00
Mrs. C. W. M.....	20 00
Mrs. J. M.....	10 00
Bro. E. H. B.....	50 00
Mrs. J. A.....	25 00
Mrs. T. McL.....	25 00
Mrs. W. J. S.....	25 00
Miss O. L. G.....	20 00
Mrs. F. A. G.....	25 00
Bro. J. A. C.....	75 00
Miss E. K.....	10 00
Mrs. E. L.....	20 00
Mrs. G. S.....	10 00
Bro. W. J. K.....	50 00
Bro. A. E. B.....	40 00
Mrs. T. G.....	25 00
Bro. R. J. H.....	25 00
Mrs. H. R. P.....	20 00
Mrs. W. H. M.....	25 00
Mrs. T. McK.....	25 00
Mrs. A. V. F.....	10 00
Bro. M. G. R.....	25 00
Bro. H. E. C.....	25 00
Mrs. C. E. S.....	25 00
Mrs. G. E. W.....	25 00
Mrs. T. H. W.....	10 00
Mrs. T. E. McD.....	10 00
Mrs. T. W. H.....	10 00
Mrs. W. F.....	20 00
Mrs. E. F.....	10 00
Mrs. C. F. H. S.....	10 00

May

8 Mrs. W. T. W.....	10 00
Bro. S. A. B.....	25 00
Mrs. F. C. F.....	20 00
Mrs. H. A.....	25 00
Mrs. W. J. C.....	25 00
Mrs. J. E. H.....	20 00
Bro. F. R.....	25 00
Bro. J. K.....	50 00
Mrs. G. O. F.....	25 00
Bro. J. E. R.....	75 00
Mrs. J. W.....	25 00
Mrs. J. F.....	50 00
Miss J. C. T.....	25 00
Mrs. J. P.....	25 00
Bro. R. A.....	25 00
Mrs. C. D. W.....	50 00
Mrs. W. W.....	25 00
Mrs. W. H. L.....	50 00
Mrs. A. A. M.....	10 00
Bro. J. B.....	75 00
Mrs. J. W. W.....	20 00
Mrs. J. H. B.....	25 00
Bro. H. C. E. C.....	20 00
Mrs. W. B.....	25 00
Mrs. A. C.....	20 00
Bro. F. McD.....	50 00
Mrs. J. A. McN.....	25 00
Miss W.....	50 00
Mrs. W. F.....	20 00
Bro. H. C. P.....	20 00
Mrs. T. G.....	10 00
Mrs. A. S.....	20 00
Mrs. R. C.....	20 00
Mrs. W. D.....	10 00
Mrs. J. F. S.....	10 00
Bro. J. F.....	25 00
Mrs. D. H. C.....	30 00
Mrs. J. McK.....	15 00
Mrs. J. W.....	10 00
Bro. J. J. H.....	25 00
Mrs. T. B.....	10 00
Mrs. R. J. C.....	20 00
Mrs. H. C.....	10 00
Bro. S. R.....	25 00
Mrs. S. J. H.....	10 00
Bro. J. W.....	25 00
Bro. C. W.....	25 00
Mrs. A. S. R.....	20 00
Mrs. T. L.....	20 00
Ero. J. P.....	25 00
Mrs. J. C.....	40 00
10 Mrs J. A. C.....	50 00

\$5445 00

THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F & A. M. in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the special contribution of the subordinate lodges to the Belgian Fund up to and inclusive of the 31st day of May, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at credit 31st May, 1915.....	\$ 2,187 46
Amount received at various times from the Grand Secretary.....	4,359 85
Bank Interest on Deposits	125 01
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	<u>\$ 6,672 32</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug. 20th, Purchase of draft for King of Belgians.....	\$ 5,000 00
April 19th, Expenses administration of this account.....	33 93
May 31st, To cheque to order of Canadian Bank of Commerce to purchase draft for Albert, King of the Belgians.....	1,638 39
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	<u>\$ 6,672 32</u>

In closing this account, I beg to state that the total amount contributed by the members of the craft in the Province of Ontario for this fund and forwarded to His Majesty Albert King of the Belgians, for the relief of his distressed people amounted to \$46,638.39

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Toronto, June 21st, 1916.

Auditor.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st of May, 1916.

The following statements are herewith submitted, viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May 1916; a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 24th June, 1916; a Summary of the Receipts and Payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund; a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account; and a Statement of Contributions received towards the Belgian Relief Fund from August 1st, 1915, to May 31st, 1916, previous contributions having been reported in the "Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1915." Also a record of dispensations issued and by-laws and amendments thereto approved by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account, and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1916

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	\$ 71 00	....	....
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	199 50	2 00	....
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	178 20	....	....
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	169 75	3 00	....
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	97 50	....	....
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	109 25	4 00	....
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	83 50	....	1 00
11	Moir.....	Belleville.....	166 00	....	....
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	158 00	....	....
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	110 25	....	....
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	243 25	....	....
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	63 50	....	3 00
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	141 25	1 00	....
20	St. John's.....	London.....	191 40	....	....
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	54 75	1 00	....
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	258 75	3 00	....
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	45 00	1 50	....
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	106 00	2 50	....
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	149 00	....	....
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	81 50	....	....
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	259 25	12 50	....
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	50 50	....	....
29	United.....	Brighton.....	138 50	4 00	....
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	74 75	6 20	....
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	85 50	3 00	....
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	126 50	....	....
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	140 25	....	....
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	86 25	2 50	....
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	50 75	1 25	....
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	112 00	1 50	....
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	168 50	3 00	....
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	61 75	75	....
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	331 75	2 75	....
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	162 75	....	....
42	St. George's.....	London.....	138 75	1 00	....
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	192 00	3 00	....
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	226 75	3 00	....
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	208 50	1 25	....
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	198 50	60	....
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	490 20	12 60	....
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	109 00	....	25
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	52 50	....	....
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	212 75	....	....
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	35 00	....	....
55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	83 00	....	....
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	206 75	6 00	....
57	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	150 75	....	....
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	154 50	....	....
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	314 25	3 00	....
62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	62 75	....	....

63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place..	\$ 147 50	....	....
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	179 75	4 00	....
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	245 50	....	....
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	54 50	....	50
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	93 00	75	....
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	73 25	3 50	....
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	93 75	....	....
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	97 75	....	....
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta..	51 25	25	....
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	158 50	....	....
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	153 25	3 00	....
77	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	164 00	1 00	....
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	109 00	....	....
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	47 50	....	....
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges	63 25	1 20	....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	89 75	....	25
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	70 50	3 50	....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	59 70	....	....
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	71 50	....	3 50
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	235 50	....	....
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	80 00	....	....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	134 50	....	25
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	25 00	....	30 75
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	100 25	....	....
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	211 50	1 00	....
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	82 00	....	....
94	St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley ..	63 00	....	....
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	124 25	....	50
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	55 50	....	....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	46 75	....	25
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	12 00	....	....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	141 25	1 50	....
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough...	128 75	....	....
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines..	155 50	....	....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	80 75	2 25	....
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls...	107 00	....	....
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	71 50	....	....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	79 00	....	....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	68 25	....	....
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith...	56 50	....	....
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	82 75	7 00	....
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	111 50	....	....
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	115 75	....	....
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	91 75	1 00	....
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	27 75	50	....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	38 25	....	25
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	42 50	....	....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	39 00	3 50	....
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	270 45	....	....
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	80 50	....	....
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	161 00	....	....
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	90 25	50	....
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford...	76 50	2 00	....
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	79 20	....	....
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	103 75	6 25	....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	67 20	....	10

131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton....	\$	54	25	...	...
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....		65	75	...	...
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....		74	00	25	...
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....		31	50	...	...
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....		77	00	...	...
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....		88	75	...	...
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....		93	75	...	6 25
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....		74	50	2 00	...
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....		38	50	...	...
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquis.....		54	75	...	...
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....		176	25	1 00	...
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....		39	50	...	...
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....		42	25	...	...
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....		55	95	1 00	...
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....		191	75	...	...
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....		70	50	1 00	...
151	Grand River.....	Berlin.....		145	50	...	...
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....		67	00	25	...
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....		56	00	...	...
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....		148	25	...	...
156	York.....	Toronto.....		166	50	2 50	...
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....		40	50	2 50	...
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....		94	75	25 50	...
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....		54	25	...	3 00
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....		49	50	...	...
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....		30	50	50	...
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....		75	25	2 10	...
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....		100	25	...	25
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....		97	75	1 75	...
168	Merritt.....	Wellsand.....		114	50	25	...
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....		72	95	...	...
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....		67	75	4 50	...
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n.....		33	25	1 00	...
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....		44	75	...	...
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....		44	50	...	...
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....		296	00	...	...
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....		27	25	...	...
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....		135	25	...	...
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....		31	00	9 00	...
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....		58	50	...	...
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....		34	75	...	...
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....		41	05	...	25
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....		40	75	25	...
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....		198	95	11 25	...
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....		65	75	2 70	...
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....		100	00	...	...
195	Tuscan.....	London.....		97	25	2 75	...
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....		91	10	1 50	...
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....		63	00	...	1 95
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....		56	00	...	...
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....		132	25	...	1 00
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....		57	50	...	...
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....		32	00	...	50
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....		117	50	8 25	...
209a	St. John's.....	London.....		271	75	...	...
209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....		36	00	...	...

212	Elysian.....	Garden Island ..	\$	4	25	....	....
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....		39	25	....	....
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....		112	75	25	....
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....		45	00	45 50	....
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....		152	50	75	....
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....		69	25	....	....
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....		49	25	....	....
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....		111	50	3 00	....
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....		57	75	....	1 00
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....		76	25	....	25
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....		45	75	....	....
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....		66	25	....	1 25
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....		43	60	....	....
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....		103	75	....	3 00
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....		151	00	....	3 50
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....		185	75	....	....
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....		65	75	....	....
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....		40	25	....	....
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....		45	00	....	....
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....		63	50	....	....
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....		71	75	....	....
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....		53	50	1 80	....
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....		69	00	....	....
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....		78	25	....	....
242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....		65	00	1 50	....
243	St. George.....	St. George.....		48	75	1 25	....
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....		60	25	....	1 00
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....		232	75	....	....
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....		141	75	....	2 00
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....		77	00	....	....
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....		134	25	5 00	....
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....		180	30	....	....
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....		56	25	....	25
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....		78	00	....	....
257	Galt.....	Galt.....		122	25	....	....
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....		155	70	80	....
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....		58	25	....	....
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....		116	75	....	....
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....		25	25	50	....
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....		63	00	....	....
263	Forest.....	Forest.....		68	75	....	....
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....		158	50	....	50
265	Paterson.....	Thornhill.....		64	75	....	....
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....		27	75	50	....
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....		202	10	5 00	....
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....		38	50	4 00	....
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....		58	25	1 00	....
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....		84	50	....	....
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....		43	25	....	....
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....		93	35	1 00	....
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....		80	75	1 00	....
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....		30	00	....	....
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....		36	50	1 00	....
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....		100	30	....	....
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....		57	25	4 80	....

283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	\$ 106 25	....	50
284	St. John's.....	Brussells.....	86 75	....	....
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	97 25	1 00	....
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	67 50	1 50	....
287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	183 00	2 25	....
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	47 75	....	....
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	130 00	....	3 75
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro	80 25	1 00	....
292	Robertson.....	King.....	26 50	....	....
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	47 50	1 00	....
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	45 25	25	....
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines..	100 85	3 00	....
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	76 75	....	....
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	49 50	....	....
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	49 75	....	....
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	199 75	....	....
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	57 50	....	....
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	69 75	3 00	....
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	65 50	1 25	....
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	74 25	....	....
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	41 25	....	....
309	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	38 25	....	....
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	38 50	....	....
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	122 85	1 00	....
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	53 75	3 00	....
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	83 50	....	....
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	39 75	....	....
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	202 00	50	....
318	Wilmot.....	Baden.....	16 50	....	....
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	52 50	3 00	....
320	Chesterville.....	Chesterville.....	59 50	....	....
321	Walker.....	Acton.....	69 00	....	....
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	113 25	....	....
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	49 25	1 50	....
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	231 50	3 00	....
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	29 25	....	....
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	260 75	2 00	....
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	26 25	....	....
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	38 35	....	6 00
329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	37 50	....	....
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	188 75	....	....
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	42 00	....	2 50
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	131 75	1 50	....
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	61 00	....	....
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	55 50	1 25	....
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	53 25	1 50	....
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson..	41 85	....	....
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	50 75	20 60	....
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	188 25	50	....
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	50 50	1 50	....
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	244 25	4 00	....
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester St'n	34 50	1 50	....
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	53 75	75	....
346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	247 25	....	....
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	63 00	1 50	....

348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene \$	55 00	4 50	....
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	137 75	....	....
354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	57 26	....	25
356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	49 50	....	25
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	87 75	....	....
358	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	47 00	16 50	....
359	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	30 00	....	....
360	Muskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	47 75	....	....
361	Waverley.....	Guelph.....	160 50	3 00	....
362	Maple Leaf.....	Tara.....	45 75	....	....
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	34 00	2 00	....
367	St. George.....	Toronto.....	204 00	....	....
368	Salem.....	Brockville.....	131 50	60	....
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills..	105 00	....	....
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	60 00	....	....
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	138 00	1 00	....
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	65 75	25	....
373	Copestone.....	Welland.....	105 75	....	....
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	26 00	....	....
375	Lorne.....	Omeme.....	88 00	....	....
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	70 50	....	....
377	Lorne.....	Shelbourne.....	47 00	1 00	....
378	King Solomon's.....	London.....	149 50	3 00	....
379	Middlesex.....	Bryanston.....	31 50	....	....
380	Union.....	London.....	166 50	....	....
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	221 50	2 50	....
383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	106 75	....	....
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	302 00	....	....
385	Spry.....	Beeton.....	51 00	1 60	....
386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	68 00	....	....
387	Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	38 95	....	....
388	Henderson.....	Ilderton.....	45 50	....	....
389	Crystal Fountain.....	North Augusta..	40 50	....	25
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	38 50	....	....
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	40 00	50	....
392	Huron.....	Camlachie.....	43 00	....	....
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	48 75	....	....
394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford.....	52 25	1 00	....
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	53 00	....	....
396	Cedar.....	Warton.....	95 25	....	....
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	33 50	....	....
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	26 25	50	....
399	Moffatt.....	Harrietsville.....	35 75	....	....
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	117 25	....	....
401	Craig.....	Deseronto.....	79 75	25	....
402	Central.....	Essex.....	80 75	1 00	....
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	309 75	....	....
404	Lorne.....	Tamsworth.....	40 95	....	....
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	169 75	....	....
406	Spry.....	Fenelon Falls...	45 65	....	....
408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	50 70	4 70	....
409	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	63 75	....	....
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	211 00	1 00	....
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	33 00	3 00	....
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	301 85	1 00	....

413	Naphtali	Tilbury	\$ 69 65	1 00	....
414	Pequonga	Kenora	111 25	7 00	....
415	Fort William	Fort William	182 75	50	....
416	Lyn	Lyn	28 00	....	....
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	51 75	....	25
418	Maxville	Maxville	42 50	1 25	....
419	Bismarck	Sarnia	44 50	3 00	....
420	Nipissing	North Bay	169 00	6 00	....
421	Scott	Grand Valley	48 00	....	....
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	42 50	....	25
423	Strong	Sundridge	43 50	1 00	....
424	Doric	Pickering	38 00	50	....
425	St. Clair	Sombra	53 75	....	....
426	Stanley	Toronto	194 75	6 00	....
427	Nickel	Sudbury	215 00	2 10	....
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	93 75	....	....
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	45 00	....	....
430	Acacia	Toronto	145 50	4 25	50
431	Moravian	Cargill	49 25	....	....
432	Hanover	Hanover	54 25	1 50	....
433	Bonnechere	Eganville	27 25	20 45	....
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	39 25	28 75	....
435	Havelock	Havelock	99 75	1 75	....
436	Burns	Hepworth	29 75	10 75	....
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	184 75	3 00	....
438	Harmony	Toronto	293 25	1 00	....
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	47 75	....	....
440	Arcadia	Minden	43 20	75	....
441	Westport	Westport	44 00	....	....
442	Dymont	Thessalon	59 55	5 00	....
443	Powassan	Powassan	36 00	3 50	....
444	Nitetic	Creemore	66 00	....	....
445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	27 50	....	....
446	Granite	Fort Frances	50 25	....	....
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	58 25	30	....
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	31 25	....	....
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	36 50	3 00	....
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	50 50	....	....
451	Somerville	Kinmount	35 75	....	....
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	71 75	....	....
453	Royal	Fort William	90 00	1 00	....
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	57 30	....	....
455	Doric	Little Current	65 25	....	....
456	Elma	Monkton	29 50	....	....
457	Century	Merlin	31 00	1 00	....
458	Wales	Wales	51 50	....	....
459	Cobden	Cobden	50 00	....	50
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	26 00	1 50	....
461	Ionic	Rainy River	46 50	....	....
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	130 60	....	....
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	33 75	....	....
464	King Edward	Sunderland	39 00	....	....
465	Carleton	Carp	34 00	....	....
466	Coronation	Elmvale	56 25	30	....
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	....	40 00	....

468	Peel.....	Caledon East....	\$ 49 75	1 25	....
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie	137 00	1 00	....
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor	94 75	....	....
471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	34 25	25	....
472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	49 00	....	....
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	154 50	4 25	....
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	172 00	60	....
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	184 50	....	....
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	48 00	....	....
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	33 00	....	....
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	38 50	....	....
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	66 00	2 00	....
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	31 00	....	....
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	55 75	52 25	....
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	81 75	....	....
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	49 50	....	....
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	54 15	....	50
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	125 75	....	2 00
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	132 50	1 00	....
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	33 75	....	....
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	86 75	1 50	....
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	59 25	....	....
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	25 00	1 50	....
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	47 50	2 50	....
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	48 75	25	....
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	65 00	....	....
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	151 25	....	....
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	167 60	5 00	....
496	University.....	Toronto.....	114 50	4 25	....
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	46 50	1 00	....
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	33 50	....	....
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	109 50	1 25	....
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	48 00	75	....
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	96 75	4 25	....
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	48 25	....	25
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	34 25	1 00	....
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	44 00	....	....
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	54 50	....	....
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	108 50	1 00	....
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	70 75	....	....
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	59 25	....	....
509	Twin City.....	Berlin.....	61 00	1 00	....
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	58 00	....	....
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William	51 00	....	....
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	47 00	....	....
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	136 00	10 75	....
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	154 75	....	....
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	74 00	25	....
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	29 05	....	....
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	37 95	....	....
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	100 75	....	....
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	41 90	....	....
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	145 50	....	....
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	108 00	2 00	....
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	57 75	6 00	....

523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough ...	\$	57	60	....	....
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....		54	50	10	95
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....		76	60	....	....
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....		124	70	3	25
527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....		52	60	....	....
U.D.	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....		70	85	....	....
U.D.	Myra.....	Komoka.....		67	30	....	....
U.D.	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....		20	00	8	60
U.D.	High Park.....	Toronto.....		135	00	42	50
U.D.	Englehart.....	Englehart.....		20	00	9	10
U.D.	Canada.....	Toronto.....		32	70	16	75
U.D.	Phoepix.....	Fonthill.....		25	00	6	60
U.D.	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....		33	80
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Total Receipts from Lodges.....				\$40,770	31		
Sundries.....				771	53		
Interest.....				5,018	52		
Debentures Redeemed.....				1,224	46		
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				\$47,784	82		

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Year Ended May 31st, 1916.

Fees, registration of Initiations.....	\$ 9,456 00
Fees, registration of Affiliations.....	317 50
Dues.....	28,216 95
Certificates.....	118 50
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	966 50
Dispensations.....	550 00
Commutation of Dues.....	1,110 00
Warrants.....	40 00
Miscellaneous.....	668 21
Ballot Boxes.....	34 25
Unused Cheque refunded.....	63 93
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	\$41,541 84

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:

Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	\$450 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	529 37
Town of Berlin.....	167 61
Town of Berlin.....	276 15
Town of Brampton.....	117 86
City of Brandon.....	600 00
City of Brantford.....	320 00
Town of Brockville.....	289 05
City of Hamilton.....	120 00
Town of Kincardine.....	25 00
City of New Westminster.....	500 00
County of Oxford.....	75 48
City of Peterborough.....	230 46
City of Port Arthur.....	50 00
City of St. Thomas.....	753 51
City of Stratford.....	45 00
City of Strathcona.....	225 82
City of Toronto.....	170 32
Bank Account.....	72 89
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	5,018 52
Total Revenue, General Account.....	<hr/>
	\$46,560 36

Debentures Matured and Paid:

Town of Berlin.....	\$777 69
Town of Brockville.....	446 77
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	1,224 46
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	\$47,784 82

Correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

PAYMENTS TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

Deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

1915		1915	
June 14.....	\$ 488 05	Dec. 29.....	\$ 1,814 80
“ 24.....	1,004 10	“ 31.....	2,162 78
“ 29.....	3,336 40	1916	
“ 30.....	2,671 53	Jan. 3.....	1,305 96
July 2.....	2,593 86	“ 7.....	1,920 20
“ 7.....	2,489 01	“ 13.....	2,332 30
“ 10.....	3,177 91	“ 20.....	2,286 61
“ 17.....	2,916 95	“ 28.....	1,851 10
“ 24.....	1,034 00	“ 31.....	584 80
“ 31.....	256 40	Feb. 7.....	1,095 30
Aug. 21.....	1,029 20	“ 18.....	969 00
“ 31.....	695 50	“ 29.....	726 00
Sept. 13.....	1,107 37	Mar. 17.....	838 10
“ 30.....	424 65	“ 31.....	856 90
Oct. 2.....	277 86	Apr. 3.....	703 71
“ 27.....	248 47	“ 15.....	610 20
“ 30.....	26 78	“ 22.....	350 60
Nov. 6.....	590 75	“ 29.....	93 73
“ 22.....	1,173 30	May 12.....	455 60
“ 30.....	260 75	“ 31.....	643 25
“ 30.....	50 42	“ 31.....	22 47
Dec. 10.....	308 15		

\$47,784 82

Correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Year Ended May 31st, 1916.

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to March 31st, 1916.....	\$ 200 00
R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, salary to March 31st, 1916.....	3,000 00
H. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to March 31st, 1916.....	300 00
J. P. Muir, superannuation to May 31st, 1916.....	800 00
Thomas Pedler, Clerk, salary to May 31st, 1916.....	1,100 00
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to May 31st, 1916.....	1,000 00
A. E. Mason, Clerk, salary to May 31st, 1916.....	720 00
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to May 31st, 1916.....	660 00
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....	750 00
Printing and Stationery.....	3,467 58
Certificates and Warrants.....	1,557 61
Telephone Service.....	60 55
Insurance on furniture, books, regalia and premium on bond of Grand Secretary.....	88 31
Safety Deposit Box Rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	40 00
Office Rent, Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	1,000 00
Postage on Proceedings.....	189 65
Postage of D. G. M. and chairmen of committees.....	40 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Hamilton.....	1,451 21
Expenses of Delegations and Ceremonies.....	50 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership fee.....	295 91
Inspection of Benevolent Grants.....	1,000 00
A. T. Freed, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	250 00
On account of allowance to M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, for Expenses.....	200 00
Stenographer for Grand Master S. A. Luke.....	100 00
Stenographer for M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master.....	100 00
Testimonial to M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Past Grand Master.....	500 00
Memorial Tributes.....	32 00
Ballot Boxes and Balls.....	3 50
Interest on Overdraft, bank account.....	150 99
Total General Charges.....	\$19,107 31
Grants for Benevolence.....	30,625 00
	<u>\$49,732 31</u>

Correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.

Auditor.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Summary of Receipts on Capital Account.

Year Ended May 31st, 1916.

Additional Contributions from Lodges..

No. 170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	\$	9	00
No. 209a	St. John's.....	London.....		1	00
No. 380	Union.....	London.....		7	00
No. 389	Crystal Fountain...	North Augusta..		2	00
				<hr/> \$	
					19 00

Debentures Matured.

Town of Berlin.....	\$	749	56
City of St. Thomas	5,000	00	5,749 56
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			\$ 5,768 56
Interest on Investments and Bank Account			
per detailed statement.....		4,905	74
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			<u>\$10,674 30</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

Deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

1915			1916		
June 15.....	\$	198	04	Jan. 31.....	\$ 393 41
“ 30.....		282	67	Mar. 31.....	199 34
July 2.....		137	50	Apr. 29.....	240 00
“ 31.....		226	00	May 1.....	5,844 82
Aug. 20.....		1,052	97	“ 31.....	156 40
Sept. 13..		117	67	“ 31.....	28 02
Oct. 2.....		150	50		
Oct. 30		3	48		
Nov. 22.....		386	28		
“ 30.....		31	01		
Dec. 10.....		748	61		
“ 31.....		477	58		
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				<u>\$10,674 30</u>	

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Revenue Account Year Ended May 31st, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1915	\$	912 41
<i>Interest on Investments:</i>		
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	\$	240 62
Berlin, Town of, Debentures.....		489 11
Brampton, Town of, Debentures.....		110 50
Brandon, City of, Debentures.....		200 00
Calgary, City of, Debentures.....		180 00
Durham, Town of, Debentures.....		76 42
Galt, Town of, Debentures.....		80 00
Ingersoll, Town of, Debentures.....		40 00
Kincardine, Town of, Debentures.....		50 00
North Vancouver, District of, Debentures....		135 00
Oakville, Town of, Debentures.....		239 37
Oshawa, Town of, Debentures.....		194 24
Owen Sound, Town of, Debentures.....		245 00
Peterborough, City of Debentures.....		361 34
St. Catharines, City of, Debentures.....		212 80
St. Marys, Town of, Debentures.....		405 00
St. Thomas, City of, Debentures.....		250 00
Saltfleet, Township of, Debentures.....		200 00
Sault Ste Marie, Town of, Debentures.....		90 00
Seaforth, Town of, Debentures.....		200 00
Shuniah, Municipality of, Debentures.....		50 00
Strathroy, Town of, Debentures.....		77 32
Tilbury East, Township of, Debentures....		7 58
Walkerville, Town of, Debentures		189 91
Windsor, City of, Debentures.....		298 68
Woodstock, City of, Debentures.....		180 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Dividend		6 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest.....		59 03
		<hr/> \$ 4,905 74
		<hr/> <u>\$ 5,818 15</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Accrued interest on Debentures at date of purchase:

Tilbury East, Township of.....	\$	25 84
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....		108 90
Grants for Benevolence.....		5445 00
Balance at credit, 31st May, 1916.....		238 41
		<hr/> \$ 5,818 15



Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, June 21st, 1916.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract, from the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1916.

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A., Auditor.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

Statement of Contributions received by the Grand Secretary.

From August 1st, 1915 to May 31st, 1916.

No.	Lodge	Location	Amount
3...	The Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	\$ 86 00
45...	Brant.....	Brantford.....	123 50
62...	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	14 00
64...	Kilwinning.....	London.....	154 00
69...	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	30 00
92...	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	20 00
108...	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	1 00
126...	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	8 00
127...	Franck.....	Frankford.....	14 25
147...	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	1 00
158...	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	14 00
162...	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	11 00
164...	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	15 00
166...	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	41 00
181...	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	2 00
192...	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	160 00
205...	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	1 00
217...	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	40 00
256...	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	3 00
274...	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	23 00
296...	Temple.....	St. Catharines.....	63 00
309...	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	8 50
323...	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	1 00
358...	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	22 00
375...	Lorne.....	Omeme.....	40 00
385...	Spry.....	Beeton.....	4 00
439...	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	19 00
441...	Westport.....	Westport.....	6 00
455...	Doric.....	Little Current.....	9 50
475...	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	6 25
482...	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	18 00
510...	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	1 00

Received from Lodges.....\$ 960 00

Interest on Bank Account.....125 01

Total received up to July 31st, 1915, as per "Grand
Lodge Proceedings" 45632 81

Total Contributions to May 31st, 1916.....\$46717 82

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon nomination of their respective Grand Masters, the following brethren have been appointed by the Grand Master to represent this Grand Lodge near their own Grand Bodies, viz.:

W. Bro. Jos. R. Seymour, Vancouver ,B.C.,
Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Orr, Atlanta, Ga., Grand
Lodge of Georgia.

W. Bro. Wm. S. Pettit, Richmond, Va., Grand
Lodge of Virginia.

Upon nomination of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the following brethren have been appointed to represent foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Frederick Cook, Ottawa, Grand
Lodge of Manitoba.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, Ottawa, Grand
Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton, Grand
Lodge of Maryland.

R. W. Bro. Frederick Guest, St. Thomas,
Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

WARRANTS.

In compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, warrants have been granted to:

Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, Peterborough.

Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit.

Temple Lodge No. 525, Toronto.

Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro'.

Espanola Lodge No. 527, Espanola.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been continued to the following lodges, viz.:—

Golden Beaver Lodge, Timmins.

Myra Lodge, Komoka.

Cochrane Lodge, Cochrane.

Dispensations have been granted to new lodges as follows, viz.:—

High Park Lodge, Toronto.

Englehart Lodge, Englehart.

Canada Lodge, Toronto.

Phoenix Lodge, Fonthill.

Shamrock Lodge, Toronto.

CONSECRATIONS.

The following lodges have been constituted and consecrated, viz.:—

Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, Peterborough, by R. W. Bro. Hy. T. Andrews, D.D.G.M., on Monday, October 4th, 1915.

Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit, by R. W. Bro. J. R. Fallis, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, September 23rd, 1915.

Temple Lodge No. 525, Toronto, by R. W. Bro. J. R. Fallis, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, September 28th, 1915.

Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro', by M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, on Wednesday, October 13th, 1915.

Espanola Lodge No. 527, Espanola, by R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, on Wednesday, September 1st, 1915.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodges have been dedicated, viz.:

Erie District No. 1.

Central Lodge No. 402, Essex, by R. W. Bro. J. W. Draper, D.D.G.M., on Friday, May 5th, 1916.

South Huron District No. 4.

Irving Lodge No. 154, Lucan, by R. W. Bro. H. W. Baker, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, March 23rd, 1916.

North Huron District No. 5.

Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin, by R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Loughleen, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, June 15th, 1916.

Niagara District No. 10.

Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls, by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D.G.M., on Thursday, November 25th, 1915.

Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville, by R. W. Bro. C. S. Ross, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1916.

Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, by R. W. Bro. C. S. Ross, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, March 16th, 1916.

Toronto West District No. 11.

Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit, by R. W. Bro. J. R. Fallis, on Thursday, September 23rd, 1915.

Ottawa District No. 16.

Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro', by M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, on Wednesday, October 13th, 1915.

Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell, by M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, on Monday, July 3rd, 1916.

Nipissing District No. 18.

Espanola Lodge No. 527, Espanola, by R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, on Wednesday, September 1st, 1915.

BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1915			
Aug.	26...290...	Leamington.....	Leamington
Sept.	27...516...	Enterprise.....	Beachburg
Dec.	2...314...	Blair.....	Palmerston
Dec.	2...523...	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough
1916			
Jan.	14...377...	Lorne.....	Shelburne
Feb.	11...217...	Frederick.....	Delhi...
March	25...285...	Seven Star.....	Alliston
April	24...463...	North Entrance.....	Haliburton
May	12...403...	Windsor.....	Windsor

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1915			
July	27...75...	St. John's	Toronto
Aug.	10...126...	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford
Aug.	16...486...	Silver.....	Cobalt
Aug.	28...451...	Somerville.....	Kinmount
Sept.	17...444...	Nitetis.....	Creemore
Sept.	20...324...	Temple.....	Hamilton
Sept.	22...373...	Copestone.....	Welland
Oct.	1...434...	Algonquin.....	Emsdale
Oct.	7...430...	Acacia.....	Toronto
Oct.	25...312...	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg
Oct.	26...494...	Riverdale.....	Toronto
Oct.	29...22...	King Solomon's.....	Toronto
Nov.	2...260...	Washington.....	Petrolia
Nov.	10...290...	Leamington.....	Leamington
Nov.	19...515...	Reba.....	Brantford
Nov.	26...490...	Hiram.....	Markdale
Dec.	10...304...	Minerva.....	Stroud
Dec.	23...287...	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur
Dec.	28...479...	Russell.....	Russell
1916			
Jan.	10...473...	The Beaches.....	Toronto
Feb.	11...77...	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay
Feb.	15...38...	Trent.....	Trenton

**Amendments to By-Laws Confirmed by the M. W.
The Grand Master.—Continued.**

Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1916			
Feb.	17...501...	Connaught.....	Mimico
Feb.	19...164...	Star in the East.....	Wellington
Feb.	26...508...	Ozias.....	Brantford
March	6... 64...	Kilwinning.....	London
March	10...125...	Cornwall.....	Cornwall
March	16... 46...	Wellington.....	Chatham
March	20... 82...	St. John's.....	Paris
March	30...339...	Orient.....	Toronto
April	14... 55...	Merrickville.....	Merrickville
April	18...512...	Malone.....	Sutton W.
April	19...180...	Speed.....	Guelph
May	1...107...	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth
May	18... 6...	The Barton.....	Hamilton
June	3...508...	Ozias.....	Brantford
June	6... 88...	St. George's.....	Owen Sound
June	8...484...	Golden Star.....	Dryden
June	8... 37...	King Hiram.. ..	Ingersoll

DISPENSATIONS.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1915				
July	20	503 Inwood	Inwood	Divine Service
July	22	47 Great Western	Windsor	Excursion
July	24	247 Ashlar	Toronto	Confer degrees w'n tm
Aug.	4	224 Zurich	Hensall	To Install
Aug.	5	475 Dundurn	Hamilton	Picnic
Aug.	9	164 Star in the East	Wellington	Divine Service
Aug.	11	83 Beaver	Strathroy	Divine Service
Aug.	14	196 Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine Service
Aug.	16	502 Coronation	Smithville	Divine Service
Aug.	23	272 Seymour	Ancaster	Divine Service
Aug.	23	368 Salem	Brockville	To initiate
Aug.	23	507 Elk Lake	Elk Lake	To install
Aug.	24	314 Blair	Palmerston	Divine Service
Aug.	30	497 St. Andrew's	Arden	Divine Service
Aug.	31	34 Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service
Aug.	31	259 Springfield	Springfield	Divine Service
Sept.	3	440 Arcadia	Minden	Divine Service
Sept.	8	222 Marmora	Marmora	Divine Service
Sept.	18	481 Corinthian	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
Sept.	18	481 Corinthian	Toronto	Confer de's within tm.
Sept.	20	515 Reba	Brantford	To elect
Sept.	20	297 Preston	Preston	Confer de's within tm
Sept.	21	507 Elk Lake	Elk Lake	Divine Service
Sept.	24	290 Leamington	Leamington	Divine Service
Sept.	25	126 Golden Rule	Campbellford	Divine Service
Sept.	27	357 Waterdown	Millgrove	Divine Service
Sept.	29	408 Murray	Beaverton	Divine Service
Sept.	30	16 St. Andrew's	Toronto	Confer de's within tm
Oct.	1	388 Henderson	Ilderton	Divine Service
Oct.	4	387 Lansdowne	Lansdowne	Divine Service
Oct.	4	384 Alpha	Toronto	Exemplify Irish Wrk.
Oct.	8	378 King Solomon's	London	Confer de's within tm
Oct.	9	501 Connaught	Mimico	Divine Service
Oct.	9	514 St. Alban's	Toronto	Confer de's within tm
Oct.	9	UD Golden Beaver	Timmins	Divine Service
Oct.	12	15 St. George's	St. Catharines	Confer de's within tm
Oct.	12	518 Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	To install
Oct.	19	471 King Edward VII	Chippawa	Divine Service
Oct.	25	486 Silver	Cobalt	To install
Oct.	26	57 Harmony	Binbrooke	Confer de'e within tm
Oct.	27	121 Doric	Brantford	Divine Service
Oct.	27	409 Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	To initiate
Oct.	29	359 Vittoria	Vittoria	Divine Service
Nov.	1	41 St. George's	Kingsville	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	1	254 Clifton	Niagara Falls	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	4	436 Burns	Hepworth	Congfer d'e within tm
Nov.	4	UD High Park	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	5	58 Doric	Ottawa	At Home
Nov.	6	405 Mattawa	Mattawa	To initiate
Nov.	6	352 Granite	Parry Sound	To initiate

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1915	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
Nov.	11...126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	To elect
Nov.	12...475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	13...141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	To initiate
Nov.	16...57	Harmony.....	Binbrooke.....	To initiate
Nov.	16...361	Waverley.....	Guelph.....	Divine Service
Nov.	18...38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	To install
Nov.	22...412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	At Home
Nov.	23...250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	Divine Service
Nov.	25...177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	At Home
Nov.	25...489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	Divine Service
Nov.	29...520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	30...410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	Change night of mtg.
Nov.	30...496	University.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	1...522	Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Dec.	1...470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	3...302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	4...371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	4...326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	6...489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	7...470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	10...58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	11...101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	Change hour of mtg.
Dec.	13...412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	To initiate
Dec.	13...287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	To install
Dec.	13...115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	13...494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	14...312	Pnyx.....	Wallaecburg.....	To install
Dec.	14...488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	To install
Dec.	14...63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	To install
Dec.	15...473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	To install
Dec.	15...466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	To install
Dec.	15...479	Russell.....	Russell.....	To install
Dec.	16...6	The Barton.....	Hamilton.....	Divine Service
Dec.	17...75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	At Home
Dec.	18...180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	To install
Dec.	18...323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	To install
Dec.	20...155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	To install
Dec.	20...495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	To initiate
Dec.	20...343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	Change night of mtg.
Dec.	21...141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	To elect
Dec.	21...30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	To install
Dec.	21...377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	To install
Dec.	21...469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	To install
Dec.	21...412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	To install
Dec.	22...197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	To install
Dec.	22...3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	To install
Dec.	22...505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	To install
Dec.	22...144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	To initiate
Dec.	22...169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	To install
Dec.	22...404	Lorne.....	Tamworth.....	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1915				
Dec.	24... 47	Great Western	Windsor	To install
Dec.	24... 149	Erie	Port Dover	To install
Dec.	27... 249	Caledonian	Midland	To install
Dec.	27... 348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	To install
Dec.	28... 141	Tudor	Mitchell	To install
Dec.	29... 25	Ionic	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	29... 25	Ionic	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	29... 443	Powassan	Powassan	To install
Dec.	29... 474	Victoria	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	29... 29	United	Brighton	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	30... 290	Leamington	Leamington	To install
Dec.	30... 521	Ontario	Windsor	To install
Dec.	30... 81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	To install
Dec.	31... 346	Occident	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Dec.	31... 433	Bonnechere	Eganville	To install
Dec.	31... 442	Dyment	Thessalon	To install
1916				
Jan.	3... 68	St. John's	Ingersoll	To install
Jan.	5... 385	Spry	Beeton	To install
Jan.	5... 234	Beaver	Clarksburg	To install
Jan.	5... 413	Naphtali	Tilbury	To install
Jan.	5... 429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	To install
Jan.	6... 400	Oakville	Oakville	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	6... 400	Oakville	Oakville	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	6... 109	Albion	Harrowsmith	To install
Jan.	6... 489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	To install
Jan.	7... 386	McColl	West Lorne	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	7... 85	Rising Sun	Athens	To install
Jan.	7... 430	Acacia	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	7... 359	Vittoria	Vittoria	To install
Jan.	10... 423	Strong	Sundridge	To install
Jan.	10... 21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	To install
Jan.	10... 384	Alpha	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	10... 57	Harmony	Binbrooke	At Home
Jan.	12... 496	University	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	13... 25	Ionic	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	13... 411	Rodney	Rodney	To invest
Jan.	18... 144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To initiate
Jan.	18... 513	Corinthian	Hamilton	Change night of mtg.
Jan.	18... 436	Burns	Hepworth	To install
Jan.	18... 22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	18... 291	Dufferin	West Flamboro'	To install
Jan.	19... 514	St. Alban's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	22... 397	Leopold	Brigden	At Home
Jan.	24... 166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Change hour of mtg.
Jan.	26... 512	Malone	Sutton W.	At Home
Jan.	26... 341	Bruce	Tiverton	To install
Jan.	26... 253	Minden	Kingston	To initiate
Jan.	27... 368	Salem	Brockville	Confer d's within tm.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1916				
Jan.	27. 474.	Victoria	Toronto	To exemplify Irish W
Jan.	27. 5.	Sussex	Brockville	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan.	28. 494.	Riverdale	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan.	29. 368.	Salem	Brockville	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	29. UD.	High Park	Toronto	To initiate
Jan.	31. 184.	Old Light	Lucknow	To install
Feb.	3. 430.	Acacia	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Feb.	3. 430.	Acacia	Toronto	At Home
Feb.	3. UD.	High Park	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Feb.	8. 39.	Mount Zion	Brooklin	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	9. 263.	Forest	Forest	At Home
Feb.	10. 25.	Ionic	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	11. 326.	Zetland	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	11. 171.	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta	At Home
Feb.	14. 33.	Maitland	Goderich	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	14. 325.	Orono	Orono	To initiate
Feb.	14. 104.	St. John's	Norwich	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	16. 410.	Zeta	Toronto	At Home
Feb.	16. 29.	United	Brighton	To initiate
Feb.	16. 291.	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	To initiate
Feb.	17. 258.	Guelph	Guelph	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	18. 294.	Moore	Courtright	Divine Service
Feb.	18. 361.	Waverley	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	18. 514.	St. Alban's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	21. 503.	Inwood	Inwood	At Home
Feb.	22. 390.	Florence	Florence	At Home
Feb.	22. 494.	Riverdale	Toronto	At Home
Feb.	24. 513.	Corinthian	Hamilton	At Home
Feb.	24. 25.	Ionic	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	24. 473.	The Beaches	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	24. 17.	St. John's	Cobourg	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	25. 151.	Grand River	Berlin	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	26. 500.	Rose	Windsor	At Home
Feb.	29. 294.	Moore	Courtright	At Home
Feb.	29. 316.	Doric	Toronto	At Home
Feb.	29. 277.	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	Divine Service
Feb.	29. 166.	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	29. 272.	Seymour	Ancaster	Confer d's within tm.
March	1. 52.	Dalhousie	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
March	3. 368.	Salem	Brockville	Confer d'e within tm.
March	4. 247.	Ashlar	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
March	4. UD.	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
March	4. 346.	Occident	Toronto	At Home
March	7. 3.	Ancient St John's	Kingston	Lodge of Instruction
March	9. 75.	St. John's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
March	9. 400.	Oakville	Oakville	Confer d's within tm.
March	11. 23.	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Confer d'e within tm.
March	11. 403.	Windsor	Windsor	At Home
March	11. 496.	University	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
March	11. 495.	Electric	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1916				
March 13	453	Royal	Fort William	At Home
March 13	100	Valley	Dundas	To initiate
March 13	43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Confer d's within tm.
March 16	23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Confer d'e within tm.
March 16	7	Union	Grimsby	To initiate
March 17	361	Waverley	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.
March 17	76	Oxford	Woodstock	Confer d's within tm.
March 17	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
March 18	441	Westport	Westport	To initiate
March 18	419	Bismarck	Sarnia	Confer d's within tm.
March 18	45	Brant	Brantford	Confer d'e within tm.
March 21	519	Onondaga	Onondaga	Confer d'e within tm.
March 21	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	Confer d's within tm.
March 23	47	Great Western	Windsor	At Home
March 23	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Lodge of Instruction
March 24	332	Stratford	Stratford	Confer d'e within tm.
March 24	497	St. Andrew's	Arden	Confer d's within tm.
March 24	14	True Britons	Perth	To elect
March 27	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Confer d'e within tm.
March 27	218	Stevenson	Toronto	At Home
March 27	413	Naphtali	Tilbury	To initiate
March 27	316	Doric	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
March 28	258	Guelph	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.
March 29	UD	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
March 29	435	Havelock	Havelock	Confer d's within tm.
March 29	371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	At Home
March 31	520	Coronati	Toronto	Divine Service
March 31	486	Silver	Cobalt	Divine Service
April 4	438	Harmony	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April 5	30	Composite	Whitby	To initiate
April 5	30	Composite	Whitby	To initiate
April 7	64	Kilwinning	London	Change night of mtg.
April 7	325	Orono	Orono	Confer d's within tm.
April 7	164	Star of the East	Wellington	Confer d's within tm.
April 7	334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Change night of mtg.
April 8	UD	Shamrock	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
April 8	121	Doric	Brantford	Lodge of Instruction
April 10	85	Rising Sun	Athens	Confer d's within tm.
April 10	521	Ontario	Windsor	At Home
April 10	69	Stirling	Stirling	To initiate
April 10	378	King Solomon's	London	Change night of mtg.
April 11	253	Minden	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
April 11	14	True Britons	Perth	To install
April 13	267	Parthenon	Chatham	Lodge of Instruction
April 13	348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	To initiate
April 14	495	Electric	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April 15	509	Twin City	Berlin	Lodge of Instruction
April 17	65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
April 17	511	Connaught	Fort William	At Home
April 18	56	Victoria	Sarnia	Confer d's within tm.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1916	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
April	18.. 22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	19 495	Electric	Hamilton	To initiate
April	19 47	Great Western	Windsor	At Home
April	19 440	Arcadia	Minden	Change night of mtg.
April	19 U.D.	Canada	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	19 357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Confer d's within tm.
April	20 382	Doric	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April	20 283	Eureka	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
April	22 414	Pequonga	Kenora	To initiate
April	25 27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	To initiate
April	25 27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April	25 283	Eureka	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
April	26 322	North Star	Owen Sound	Confer d's within tm.
April	26 27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April	28 40	St. John's	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April	29 430	Acacia	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	29 473	The Beaches	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
May	1 297	Preston	Preston	Confer d's within tm.
May	1 514	St. Alban's	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
May	1 253	Minden	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
May	1 357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Confer d's within tm.
May	2 325	Orono	Orono	Confer d's within tm.
May	2 U.D.	Canada	Toronto	At Home
May	2 147	Mississippi	Almonte	To initiate
May	3 517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	Divine Service
May	3 17	St. John's	Cobourg	Confer d's within tm.
May	3 369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	Confer d's within tm.
May	3 170	Britannia	Seaforth	Confer d's within tm.
May	4 313	Clementi	Lakefield	Confer d's within tm.
May	4 U.D.	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	4 287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	At Home
May	5 137	Pythagoras	Meaford	To initiate
May	8 18	Prince Edward	Picton	Lodge of Instruction
May	8 313	Clementi	Lakefield	Confer d's within tm.
May	9 267	Parthenon	Chatham	Divine Service
May	9 382	Doric	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
May	9 129	Rising Sun	Aurora	To install
May	10 44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
May	10 16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	10 75	St. John's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	12 116	Cassia	Thedford	To initiate
May	12 514	St. Alban's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	12 456	Elma	Monckton	Divine Service
May	13 324	Temple	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
May	13 20	St. John's	London	Confer d's within tm.
May	13 296	Temple	St. Catharines	Confer d's within tm.
May	13 384	Alpha	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	13 U.D.	Shamrock	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	16 435	Havelock	Havelock	Divine Service
May	17 45	Brant	Brantford	Change night of mtg.

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DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1916	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
May	17 43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Change night of mtg.
May	17 43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Divine Service
May	18 369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	Confer d'e within tm.
May	19 34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service
May	19 UD	High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	19 17	St. John's	Cobourg	Confer d's within tm.
May	20 38	Trent	Trenton	Divine Service
May	22 414	Pequonga	Kenora	Confer d's within tm.
May	22 526	Ionic	Westboro'	To initiate
May	22 9	Union	Napanee	Confer d's within tm.
May	22 44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
May	22 170	Britannia	Seaforth	Confer d's within tm.
May	23 326	Zetland	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	23 302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
May	25 201	Leeds	Gananoque	Confer d's within tm.
May	25 296	Temple	St. Catharines	Confer d'e within tm.
May	25 43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Lodge of Instruction
May	25 452	Avonmore	Avonmore	Divine Service
May	26 269	Brougham Union	Claremont	Divine Service
May	26 UD	Shamrock	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	27 92	Cataraqui	Kingston	To initiate
May	27 44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
May	27 209a	St. John's	London	Confer d's within tm.
May	29 285	Seven Star	Alliston	Divine Service
May	29 513	Corinthian	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
May	30 339	Orient	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
May	30 499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	Divine Service
May	30 508	Ozias	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
May	30 382	Doric	Hamilton	Excursion
June	1 398	Victoria	Kirkfield	To elect officers
June	2 230	Kerr	Barrie	Divine Service
June	2 465	Carleton	Carp	Divine Service
June	3 495	Electric	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
June	3 373	Copestone	Welland	Divine Service
June	3 118	Union	Schomberg	To install
June	5 453	Royal	Fort William	Confer d's within tm.
June	5 282	Lorne	Glencoe	Divine Service
June	5 209a	St. John's	London	Confer d's within tm.
June	6 224	Zurich	Hensall	To install
June	6 302	St. David's	St. Thomas	To install
June	6 302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Divine Service
June	6 52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	To install
June	6 314	Blair	Palmerston	Confer d'e within tm.
June	6 461	Ionic	Rainy River	Divine Service
June	6 110	Central	Prescott	To initiate
June	6 485	Haileybury	Haileybury	Divine Service
June	6 299	Victoria	Centreville	Divine Service
June	7 444	Nitetis	Creemore	Divine Service
June	7 82	St. John's	Paris	Divine Service
June	7 23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	At Home

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1916				
June	8 431	Moravian	Cargill	Divine Service
June	8 375	Lorne	Omeme	Divine Service
June	8 52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	8 322	North Star	Owen Sound	To install
June	8 302	St. David's	St. Thomas'	Confer d's within tm.
June	8 196	Madawaska	Arnprior	To install
June	8 526	Ionic	Westboro'	Confer d's within tm.
June	8 101	Corinthian	Peterborough	Confer d's within tm.
June	9 256	Guelph	Guelph	To install
June	9 203	Irvine	Elora	To install
June	9 236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine Service
June	9 254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	Divine Service
June	9 405	Mattawa	Mattawa	Divine Service
June	9 489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	To elect
June	10 97	Sharon	Queensville	Confer d'e within tm.
June	10 177	The Builders	Ottawa	To install
June	10 93	Northern Light	Kincardine	Divine Service
June	10 360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Divine Service
June	10 441	Westport	Westport	Divine Service
June	12 472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine Service
June	12 260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine Service
June	12 491	Cardinal	Cardinal	Divine Service
June	12 63	St. John's	Carleton Place	Divine Service
June	12 17	St. John's	Cobourg	Divine Service
June	13 110	Central	Prescott	Divine Service
June	13 237	Pythagoras	Meaford	Divine Service
June	13 411	Rodney	Rodney	Divine Service
June	13 219	Credit	Georgetown	Divine Service
June	13 504	Otter	Lombardy	To install
June	14 493	St. Mary's	St. Marys	Confer d's within tm.
June	14 158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	To initiate
June	14 32	Amity	Dunnville	Confer d's within tm.
June	14 32	Amity	Dunnville	Divine Service
June	14 118	Union	Schomberg	Divine Service
June	14 UD	Shamrock	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
June	14 73	St. James	St. Marys	Divine Service
June	14 30	Composite	Whitby	Divine Service
June	14 247	Ashlar	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	14 476	Corinthian	North Gower	Divine Service
June	15 245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	Divine Service
June	15 115	Ivy	Beamsville	Divine Service
June	15 88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To install
June	15 233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine Service
June	15 420	Nipissing	North Bay	Divine Service
June	15 420	Nipissing	North Bay	To install
June	15 459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine Service
June	15 518	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	Divine Service
June	15 509	Twin City	Berlin	To install
June	15 159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine Service
June	16 454	Corona	Burk's Falls	To install

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Date 1916	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose	
June	16	447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	Divine Service
June	16	17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	To install
June	16	354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	To install
June	16	249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	Divine Service
June	16	300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	Divine Service
June	16	328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	To install
June	16	66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	At Home
June	17	361	Waverley.....	Guelph.....	Confer d'e within tm.
June	17	406	Spry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	Divine Service
June	17	430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
June	17	5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	Divine Service
June	17	143	Friendly Bros.....	Iroquois.....	Divine Service
June	17	165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	Divine Service
June	19	516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	Divine Service
June	19	376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	To initiate
June	19	400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	Divine Service
June	19	511	Connaught.....	Fort William.....	Divine Service
June	19	395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	To install
June	19	504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	Divine Service
June	20	475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	Picnic
June	20	27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	Divine Service
June	20	193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	Divine Service
June	20	41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	Divine Service
June	20	386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	Divine Service
June	20	312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	Divine Service
June	20	400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	Confer d's within tm.
June	20	UD	High Park.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
June	20	463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	To install
June	20	69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	Divine Service
June	20	77	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	Divine Service
June	20	225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	Divine Service
June	20	402	Central.....	Essex.....	To install
June	20	404	Lorne.....	Tamworth.....	Divine Service
June	20	498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	Divine Service
June	20	527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....	Divine Service
June	20	520	Temple.....	Toronto.....	Confer d'e within tm.
June	20	299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	To install
June	20	139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	Divine Service
June	20	122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	Divine Service
June	21	33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	Divine Service
June	21	11	Moir.....	Belleville.....	Divine Service
June	21	228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	Divine Service
June	21	7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	Confer d's within tm.
June	22	40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	Confer d's within tm.
June	22	356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	Divine Service
June	22	37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	Divine Service
June	22	114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	Divine Service
June	22	156	York.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
June	22	489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	Divine Service
June	22	361	Waverley.....	Guelph.....	Confer d'e within tm.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1916	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
June	23... 47	Great Western	Windsor	Excursion
June	23... 47	Great Western	Windsor	Divine Service
June	23... 91	Colborne	Colborne	Divine Service
June	23... 184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine Service
June	23... 291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	Divine Service
June	23... 357	Waterdown	Millgrove	To install
June	23... 458	Wales	Wales	Divine Service
June	26... 436	Burns'	Hepworth	Divine Service
June	26... 523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	Confer d's within tm.
June	26... 385	Spry	Beeton	Divine Service
June	26... 287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Divine Service
June	26... 92	Cataraqui	Kingston	Confer d'e within tm.
June	26... 316	Doric	Toronto	Picnic
June	26... 239	Tweed	Tweed	Divine Service
June	27... 408	Murray	Beaverton	Confer d's within tm.
June	27... 256	Farnan's Point	Aultsville	Divine Service
June	27... 319	Hiram	Hagersville	Confer d's within tm.
June	28... 85	Rising Sun	Athens	Divine Service
June	28... 15	St. George's	St. Catharines	To install
June	28... 482	Bancroft	Bancroft	Divine Service
June	29... 379	Middlesex	Bryanston	Divine Service
June	29... 123	Belleville	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
June	29... 391	Howard	Ridgetown	Confer d'e within tm.
June	29... 269	Brougham Union	Claremont	Confer d's within tm.
June	29... 462	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	Divine Service
June	30... 157	Simpson	Newboro'	Divine Service
June	30... 57	Harmony	Binbrook	Divine Service

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved, that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present to you my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for Erie District No. 1.

On account of the exceptionally bad roads, which prevailed all the spring season, it was impossible for me to visit all the lodges as has been customary at that season of the year. The custom of the great majority of the lodges in this district is to elect and install officers in December. Thus, I found that if I visited in the fall, I would see the same officers as did my predecessor, which is not desirable. By waiting till the new officers got fairly into office, I was met by the unusual weather conditions of this year. However, by visiting the majority of the lodges, and by holding a Lodge of Instruction, I was able to get into touch with the state of Masonry in each part of the district.

Lodge of Instruction.

The Lodge of Instruction was held at Chatham on the 28th of April, and had a record attendance, about 200 attending from outside the city. This is noteworthy, since through an unfortunate clashing of dates, the semi-centennial meeting of Great Western Lodge of Windsor was held on the same date. The M. W. the Grand Master was at the Windsor meeting, showing that Masonry is in a flourishing condition when one district can provide two large meetings on the same date. The three

degrees were exemplified in a most acceptable and correct manner by Naphtali Lodge, Tilbury, at 2.30 p.m.; by Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, at 4.00 p.m., and by Leamington Lodge, Leamington, at 8.00 p.m. The work was complimented highly by the brethren present and was of such a character as to cause satisfaction to the craft. A board of trial was also formed and the proper testing of visitors explained. The acting visitor on this occasion was R. W. Bro. Milner, of West Lorne, the oldest Mason in the district, whose presence always adds interest to a Masonic meeting on account of his being one of the best informed Masons in the district.

The following is an extract from the circular letter calling Lodge of Instruction:

"Owing to the fact that our district is to be altered, this will be the last year for a general reunion and meeting of all parts of old Erie District. All lodges have received copies of the proposed changes. If there are any objections this meeting will be the proper place to discuss them and to arrange for other suggestions to be placed before Grand Lodge. Therefore I ask that every lodge be represented by as many of the officers and members as can attend."

The proposal to rearrange the districts was felt by all to be necessary. However, the prevailing opinion, as voiced at the Lodge of Instruction and elsewhere, favoured an arrangement whereby the Erie District would be made into two, and thus the historical associations maintained.

On the 5th of May, in company with R. W. Bros. Laurie, Gatfield and Healy, and with the assistance of a large number of Masons of the district, I dedicated the lodge room of Central Lodge, Essex. These quarters are exceptionally well appointed, with every modern convenience and device. The brethren of Essex are an enthusiastic lot of Masons. Their entertainment of the visiting brethren was of a very high order.

On October 27th, Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, called an emergent meeting for the purpose of having representatives of the district present me with my official regalia. The meeting was a very large one, the Masters or other members of most of the lodges being present. Past District Deputy Grand Masters Milner, Gatfield, Healy, Laurie, Kelley and others took part in what proved to be a very unique ceremony. I cannot express in too glowing terms my gratitude to these brethren and to the members of the district for their kind words and generosity, nor could I forget the action of my mother lodge which presented me with a beautifully bound and engraved address congratulating me upon my election. Throughout the year I have been the recipient of repeated courtesies from P.D. D.G.Ms. Laurie, Healy, Gatfield, Kelley, Milner and other brethren too numerous to mention in this report, but which have made the duties of the year extremely pleasant.

The lodges which I was unable to visit are all in good condition. This I ascertained from the Worshipful brethren of the various localities, in whom the craft have full confidence. This district is especially fortunate in having many Past Masters who take a deep interest in the ritual and other matters in connection with their lodges, and who personally see that the work is kept up to the standard.

I am of the opinion that the District Deputy should personally examine and approve of the work of the officers who are to exemplify degrees at the Lodge of Instruction and to drill them if necessary, in order that the Lodge of Instruction may be an object lesson in what is the latest approved way of working the degrees. It is hardly fair to a lodge to ask them to appear before the whole district and then to find fault with their interpretation of the ceremonial. In other words, the work of the Lodge of Instruction should be as nearly perfect as possible, so that those visiting will see it as it should be and not be the subject of a discussion as to what it should be.

The grim reaper has made sad inroads among the beloved and stalwart craftsmen in our ranks. Among those to fall the prey of his cruel harvest are R. W. Bro. James Birch, of Wellington Lodge, Chatham; W. Bro. David Moore, of Parthenon Lodge, Chatham; W. Bro. W. W. Chisholm, of St. George Lodge, Kingsville; W. Bro. Waghorne, Master of Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg; W. Bro. John Nichol, Kent Lodge, Blenheim; Bro. W. T. Shannon, of Wellington Lodge, Chatham; Bro. W. R. Peck, of Parthenon Lodge, Chatham; Bro. Luke Wallace, a veteran member of Parthenon Lodge, Chatham; Bro. Ernest Gay, of Great Western Lodge, Windsor; Bro. Thos. Moase, of Great Western Lodge, Windsor; Bro. Jasper Golden, of St. George Lodge, Kingsville.

My thanks are due to the brethren of the district for the honour conferred on me in electing me to the office I have had the pleasure of filling this past year.

Lodge Visits.

On December 20th I visited Kent Lodge, Blenheim, for the purpose of installing officers. Several brethren from Chatham accompanied me and found the work and prospects of the lodge in splendid shape.

On December 15th I visited Century Lodge, Merlin, and installed their officers. This lodge has a splendid set of officers and is enjoying a prosperous season.

On January 7th I visited Windsor Lodge, Windsor, when the officers were installed by W. Bro. Pettit. The meeting partook of a patriotic nature, there being two battalions recruiting there. W. Bro. Major Tolmie was one of the chief speakers. This lodge is one of the largest in the district and holds an enviable reputation for its work and its activities, every evidence being present that the members are not allowing their efforts to subside.

On January 11th I visited Napthali Lodge, Tilbury, and installed the officers. The Secretary, W. Bro. Johnston, and other Past Masters, deserve

credit for the continued excellent work and the success of this lodge. The present officers are worthy of high praise.

On January 21st I had the pleasure of attending a most interesting meeting of McColl Lodge, West Lorne. Two degrees were worked, the second degree by a military Past Master, W. Bro. Kelley, and the third degree by R. W. Bro. Logan. There were in attendance a large number of members of the 91st Battalion C.E.F., and certificates of membership were presented to those going on overseas service. The excellent rendering of the ritual on this occasion will long be remembered by those present; being under the guiding hand of R. W. Bro. Milner; the good work here is no exception to the splendid record of the past.

On March 9th I visited Sydenham Lodge, Dresden; owing to a severe stormy night there were no candidates. The routine work of the lodge was exemplified in a most acceptable manner and an enjoyable evening spent. The brethren here are enthusiastic and the work well done.

Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, sustained a severe loss in the death of their Master, W. Bro. Wag-horne, who was laid to rest with Masonic honours on March 25th. The funeral cortege was accompanied by almost the entire Masonic membership of the lodge and town, only one being absent. This speaks more eloquently of the worth of the departed and of the spirit of Masonry in this thriving town than any words at my command. The officers of Pnyx Lodge worked the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction in a creditable manner. Previous to this I visited the lodge, on which occasion a visiting lodge performed the work. I am convinced that this lodge is proficient.

My own lodge, Parthenon, Chatham, was visited on April 5th, when the third degree was conferred by the Master and officers, all being present. A comparison of the work with that of previous years does no discredit to the present Master and officers, whose zeal and energy have made successful alike the ritual, social and the fraternal

work of this lodge, which is in a highly flourishing condition.

On April 12th I visited Highgate Lodge, Highgate, when the first degree was exemplified by the Master and officers. R. W. Bro. Moody was at this meeting. The fact that these officers mostly live at some distance from the lodge room has made difficult the frequent practice without which there is likely to be a lack of that confidence which is necessary for the impressive rendering of the ritual. At a later period in the year this confidence would likely be manifest.

I visited Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, on April 13th, when I was accompanied by Bro. Gregory, of Chatham, who had been made a Mason in Lorne Lodge but had not met there for forty years. The first degree was exemplified in splendid style. The practice of substituting a Past Master to give the Junior Warden's lecture should not be encouraged. This lodge is particularly fortunate in possessing a splendid set of Past Masters whose interest in the ritual and the conduct of the lodge as well as in the exact interpretation of the constitution and rulings of Grand Lodge make this lodge one of the best schools of Masonry I have seen.

Wellington Lodge, Chatham, was visited on April 24th. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was faithfully conferred by W. Bro. Sexsmith and his officers, who were all present, as well as a number of Past Masters, among whom was R. W. Bro. Laurie. I found that those in charge of this lodge are upholding the traditions of the good deeds of the past and are in every way promoting the interests of Masonry.

I visited Central Lodge Essex, on the occasion of its dedication. I found the officers proficient and the rites and ceremonies of the order faithfully performed.

While at Essex they were visited by St. George Lodge, of Kingsville, who worked the first degree in a most acceptable manner. R. W. Bro. Healy, my predecessor as District Deputy Grand Master,

is a member of this lodge and, as he takes an active interest in the activities of this lodge, it was to be expected that the ritual would be rendered in a manner well nigh faultless.

On June 12th I visited Howard Lodge, Ridgetown, on which occasion I was accompanied by fourteen brethren from Chatham. The work of the meeting was the second degree which was exemplified by several of the Past Masters, owing to the absence of the Master through the death of his father. The prospects of this lodge are very bright. The attendance at this meeting was the largest in the history of the lodge.

On June 25th I attended Divine service with Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville. There was a splendid attendance from the local lodge and visiting lodges in the vicinity. The prospects of this lodge are good and from my personal knowledge the work is well done.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. DRAPER, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Erie District No. 1, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-ber-ship	Degr's Conf'd	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held	Amount paid for relief		No. mem. 12 m'ths in arrears	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
34 Thistle	Amerherstburg	126	2	6	3	2	2	1	3	3	2		1	10	9	19	20	Dec. 31	1915	Good	Yes	\$ 800 00
41 St. George's	Kingsville	174	3	9	15	18	8	1	6	3	1		3	13	20	33	30	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	2880 00
46 Wellington	Chatham	276	14	18	12	12	8		6	6			9	11	20	31	26	June 24	1915	Good	Yes	1650 00
47 Great Western	Windsor	648	33	50	47	56	9	6	3	13			7	12	46	58	120	June 30	1916	Excel't	Yes	350 00
48 Tecumseh	Thamesville	84	6	6	8	8	1						1	14	1	15	23	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	400 00
55 Sydenham	Dresden	83		7	6	3												June 24	1916	Good	Yes	1650 00
57 Parthenon	Chatham	295	16	23	17	15			4	3			3	13	27	40	54	Jan. 19	1916	Good	Yes	500 00
74 Kent	Blenheim	121	1	9	8	6	6	1	3	4			1	12	7	19	25	Dec. 31	1915	Good	Yes	300 00
82 Lorne	Glencoe	91	4	6	6	5	2	1	1	4			2	6	18	20		Dec. 31	1915	Good	Yes	1800 00
90 Leamington	Leamington	174	11	21	20	15	3	3	4	8			1	12	11	23	25	Dec. 31	1915	Good	Yes	300 00
92 Pnyx	Wallaceburg	146		10	10	11	2		3									June 24	1916	Good	Yes	1650 00
97 Hammond	Wardsville	29	1	1	1	1			3	2			3	2	5	8		Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Yes	500 00
98 Highgate	Westgate	70	6	5	2	1	1		11	3			1	3	14	24		Mar. 18	1916	Good	Yes	700 00
96 McColl	West Lorne	107	3	2	3	3	1		13	2			11	3	15	20		Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	500 00
90 Florence	Florence	55	5	5	5	6			11	3			1	3	14	20		July 12	1915	Good	Yes	1000 00
91 Howard	Ridgetown	128	6	10	9	9			4				2	12	4	16	20	June 24	1915	Good	Yes	300 00
95 Parvaim	Comber	64	4	8	6	7	7		1	1			1	13	2	15	15	Dec. 28	1915	Fair	Yes	300 00
92 Central	Essex	97		8	5	8	1		2				2					June 24	1916	Good	Yes	Board
93 Windsor	Windsor	402	35	32	31	25	3	1	3	8			7	12	37	49	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	250 00
1 Rodney	Rodney	45	1	1	1	1			9	1			9	1	10	8		June 28	1915	Fair	No	700 00
3 Naphtali	Tilbury	87	3	9	11	10			1	5			12	12	24	18		Dec. 24	1915	Good	Yes	210 00
22 Star of the East	Bothwell	67	1	1	1	1			1	2			11	11	16			Dec. 30	1915	Good	Yes	300 00
18 Xenophon	Wheatley	48	1	1	1	1			1	3			11	11	10			June 26	1916	Good	Yes	350 00
17 Century	Merlin	47	3	4	6	5	1		4				10	6	16	20		Dec. 30	1915	Good	Yes	350 00
8 King Edward	Harrow	82		4	6	7			2	2			11	12	23	25		April 4	1916	Good	Yes	Board
90 Rose	Windsor	67	2	4	6	7	2		2				10	12	22	18		Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	350 00
11 Ontario	Windsor	93		1	24	21	26						1	12	15	27	35	June 24	1916	Good	Yes	Board

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2. I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour conferred upon me in electing me to such an important office as representative of the M. W. the Grand Master.

I visited each lodge once officially besides paying several other visits throughout the district. The various lodges are most enthusiastic in their work and the rendition of the degrees is marked by accuracy and impressiveness. This is one of the results of our annual Lodge of Instruction. We are also glad to note that the spirit of Masonry is not confined within the lodge room but shines forth wherever Masons are found.

My first official duty was to appoint, as District Secretary, V. W. Bro. W. E. Germain, of Alvinston Lodge No. 323, and as District Chaplain W. Bro. Rev. N. A. Campbell, of Inwood Lodge No. 503.

Lodge of Instruction.

The district Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Forest Lodge No. 263, Forest, May 4th, 1916. There was a large attendance, over 150 members being present. Many P.D.D.G. Ms were there to guard the landmarks and encourage the workers.

The W. M. and officers of Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia, exemplified the E. A. degree.

The W. M. and officers of Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest, exemplified the F. C. degree.

The W. M. and officers of Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood, exemplified the M. M. degree.

The degrees were all worked in a manner which left no room for criticism, but brought forth much praise from the brethren present.

To the brethren of Forest Lodge I wish to express my gratitude for the courtesy and attention shown the visitors and for the very fine banquet tendered us at the close of the session.

Official Visits.

Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia, April 4th With a very large attendance, rooms beautifully decorated and officers all present, I found everything in first-class order. W. Bro. J. R. Simpson and officers showed fine preparation in every detail of the work and were worthy of the praise which they received. Their financial standing and prospects are both excellent. The Secretary, W. Bro. F. C. Watson, is very prompt and takes good care of the books. Many P. Ms and P.D.D.G.Ms were present and this we appreciated very much.

St. John's Lodge No. 81, Mount Brydges, May 16th. My visit here was made most pleasant by a very cordial reception and the earnest and impressive work of W. Bro. J. R. Waters and his staff of enthusiastic young officers. Four members have been added during the year. Their financial standing is excellent. Thirteen regular and three emergent meetings were held. W. Bro. Young is certainly a careful Secretary.

Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy, March 24th. I was heartily welcomed here and I found many brethren present in their well appointed lodge rooms. W. Bro. Donaldson and his officers in a most impressive manner exemplified the F. C. degree and W. Bro. Trueman, an enthusiastic P. M., worked the M. M. degree. How I enjoyed meeting my old friends and witnessing such good work. Many P. Ms were present. The interests of the lodge are well looked after by a most enthusiastic worker—V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, the Secretary.

Cassia Lodge No. 116, Thedford, April 17th. This is the smallest lodge in the district in numbers but quality is certainly there. As there was no degree work, W. Bro. Runford and his officers opened and closed in perfect form. We had some good talks from the members along Masonic lines. W. Bro. H. S. Clerke takes the best of care of the books and is very prompt. They have a substantial balance on hand and the prospects are good.

Burns Lodge No. 153, Wyoming, April 13th. There was a good attendance including a number of visitors from Petrolia and Camlachie. W. Bro. Hugh M. Hunter and officers in a very acceptable manner worked the F. C. degree. Many P. Ms and P.D.D.G.Ms were present and a very pleasant evening was spent. The new Secretary, W. Bro. A. D. Fisher, takes good care of the books. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Alexandra Lodge No. 158, Oil Springs, February 24th. I visited officially on above date and was greeted by a good many members who are very enthusiastic. W. Bro. Alton Zavitz with his staff of young officers in an impressive and accurate manner exemplified the F. C. degree. A good number of P. Ms. were present. Books are carefully looked after by Secretary W. Bro. J. W. Sauvey. Financial standing very fair and improving. The progress of the lodge is good.

Petrolia Lodge No. 194, Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia. On March 22nd a joint emergent meeting of these lodges was held for the purpose of receiving the D.D.G.M. and working two degrees. W. Bro. H. McNaughton and officers of Washington Lodge exemplified the E. A. degree and W. Bro. R. W. Parker and officers of Petrolia Lodge worked the F. C. degree. Both lodges deserve a great deal of praise for their accurate and impressive work. Many eloquent and inspiring addresses and a pleasing musical programme were outstanding features of the fine banquet which followed the meeting. These lodges work in perfect harmony and are making good progress. Their secretaries

are W. Bro. Thos. Bicknell and W. Bro. L. Collier, both being prompt and careful. So long as R. W. Bro. Sinclair, who has served 49 years in the science is able to be present at their meetings, Masonry must flourish in Petrolia.

Havelock Lodge No. 238, Watford, Jan. 18th. The attendance was remarkably good, although the weather was intensley bitter. More members were present in khaki than in any other lodge. W. Bro. E. A. Brown and well trained officers presented the F. C. degree in a most impressive manner. The work was extra well done and the business of the evening promptly executed. They have a faithful Secretary, W. Bro. S. B. Howden, who is most prompt with his communications. The dues are well paid up. Financial standing very fair. Prospects good.

Forest Lodge No. 263, Forest, February 16th. Many members and visitors present. Work in F. C. degree by W. Bro. Prout and his efficient staff of officers was impressive and accurate. Character of candidates well looked into by committee. P. Ms. interested and have candidates well prepared in former degrees. W. Bro. Campbell is a careful and prompt Secretary. The financial standing and prospects of lodge are good.

Moore Lodge No. 294, Courtright, March 16th. Welcomed by a good attendance of members I witnessed work carefully and accurately presented by W. Bro. Nesbit and officers who are well skilled in the art. The lodge rooms do not seem to satisfy and no doubt will be changed before long. Two E. A. degrees, a fine lunch and some interesting talk on Masonry brought to a close a very enjoyable evening. W. Bro. Brown makes a good Secretary and does the office justice. W. Bro. Stewart who filled the office so long is now with Lambton's 149th C.E.F.

Arkona Lodge No. 307, Arkona, May 25th. Accompanied by Alvinston brethren I visited this lodge and was certainly well pleased with everything. Many members were present and many

visitors from adjoining lodges. The E. A. degree worked by W. Bro. Eastman and officers was of the highest order. The lectures and charges were perfect. The Secretary, W. Bro. A. M. Thoman, keeps a fine set of books and is very prompt.

Alvinston Lodge No. 323, Alvinston, May 22nd. Having been absent from my mother lodge for many meetings, it afforded me a great deal of pleasure to visit officially and witness the presentation of two F. C. degrees by W. Bro. H. C. Pray and his officers. Their work was certainly worthy of the praise they received. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition. P. Ms. are much interested. Books well kept by the new Secretary, Bro. J. Holme, who is very accurate and thorough.

Ionic Lodge No. 328, Napier. This was my first official visit and was accompanied by Alvinston brethren. Good turn out of members and visitors. W. Bro. Pike and officers very accurately opened and closed the lodge. Although Ionic does not progress very rapidly, they have a fine class of members. Books are well looked after by W. Bro. W. Toohill and finances are in good shape.

Dufferin Lodge No. 364, Melbourne, June 14th. P. M., W. Bro. Stevenson in the absence of the W. M., conferred the E. A. degree in a most instructive and impressive manner. Work of junior officers was thorough, especially the lecture brought forth much worthy praise. Secretary Bro. Mc Kenzie takes excellent care of the books. We were glad to hear that W. Bro. Rev. Stephens is improving in health. He has done a great deal for Dufferin Lodge.

Huron Lodge No. 392, Camlachie, April 12th. Accompanied by W. Bro. A. Fisher, of Wyoming, we journeyed through bad roads and pouring rain and were greeted by many members. W. Bro. R. W. Brown and staff opened and closed in such form that I am convinced they would also do fine degree work. Their financial standing is good and prospects very fair. I was very sorry their venerable

and worthy Secretary, W. Bro. A. Trusler, was unable to be present owing to illness.

Leopold Lodge No. 397, Brigden, May 17th. Two F. C. degrees were worked by W. Bro. Poland and his able officers in an accurate and impressive manner, showing that able P. Ms. had left an impression. The brethren show a fine Masonic spirit and are making good progress. Their competent Secretary, V. W. Bro. Warren, is very prompt in all his duties, which is a great help to any W. M. Finances are fairly good.

Bismarck Lodge No. 419, Sarnia, May 8th. This was my last visit in Sarnia. Were it not for the different officers in the chairs, one would hardly know which lodge was meeting for the utmost harmony prevails amongst members of the craft in Sarnia. Here I witnessed a beautiful degree worked by W. Bro. Lester and officers of the lodge. Their work showed the influence of a master worker. Secretary, W. Bro. A. J. Alcock, although a new officer, has the books in excellent shape and is very prompt. Finances good and prospects much improved.

St. Clair Lodge No. 425, Sombra, April 18th. Through sickness and other unavoidable causes many officers were absent, although turnout of members good. In due time the respective offices were filled with W. Bro. McRitchie presiding. The candidate, who was 72 years old, and having his E. A. work perfectly memorized, received his F. C. degree in a most impressive manner. The W. M. then being present closed the lodge. W. Bro. J. W. Burnham keeps a model set of books. Financial standing excellent.

Tuscan Lodge No. 437, Sarnia, April 19th. Accompanied by District Secretary V. W. Bro. W. E. Germain and P.D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Paul, I visited this lodge. Many members and visitors were present including P. Ms. and P.D.D.G.Ms. and visitors from Port Huron. W. Bro. Wheeler and his competent staff worked their degree in perfect and most instructive manner. The lodge

was decorated with colors and flowers. During the evening W. Bro. W. Carter, on behalf of Tuscan Lodge, presented the D.D.G.M. with a beautiful bouquet of roses, which he appreciated very much. Tuscan Lodge is very prosperous. Their books and business are looked after by W. Bro. Barrie in an excellent manner.

Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood, March 13th. With a number of my brethren from Alvinston I visited this lodge. There were many members present and all were much pleased with the excellent work of W. Bro. Dawson and his well drilled officers. This young lodge is outgrowing its present quarters. Bro. S. S. Courtright, their new Secretary, is very systematic and prompt. They report being out of debt already and have a bright future. They deserve much praise.

I cannot close my report without expressing my sincere thanks to those who have assisted me in so many ways to perform my duties and to all the brethren throughout the district for their cordial receptions and deeds of kindness.

In conclusion let me say that sweet memories of this year will ever be mine and I feel assured that my successor has the same pleasure in store for him.

Fraternally submitted,

PEARSON P. WINN, D.D.G.M.'.

St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in St. Clair District No. 2, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Mcm- bership	Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in attr's	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
				E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular	Emergent									Total	Aver. atten'ce of members			
6 Victoria	Sarnia	264	15	17	20	23		2			110	11	21	25	140	00	30	200	00	Dec. 27	1915	A 1	Excel't	Yes	Board	
11 St. John's	Mount Brydges	86	5	4	5	5		5			213	3	16	10	8	91	91	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Good	Yes	1800 00			
3 Beaver	Strathroy	137	5	6	4	3	2	4			213	2	15	40	40	00	50	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Yes	1000 00		
6 Cassia	Thedford	41	2	3	1	1	1				211	1	12	11	10	00	9	45	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
3 Burns	Wyoming	106	6	2	2	2		1	4	1	13	1	14	19	30	00	21	150	00	Dec. 24	1915	Good	Bright	Yes	1300 00	
8 Alexandra	Oil Springs	78	5	4	4	5		1	7		113	2	15	17	36	00	20	110	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	No	28 00	
4 Petrolia	Petrolia	157	9	6	9	7	2	2			114	4	18	35	76	00	28	121	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Yes	266 00	
8 Havelock	Watford	81	5	8	7	5		2			111	4	15	18	10	00	6	50	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00	
0 Washington	Petrolia	144	6	4	3	9	2	2	1		2	6	2	8	20	10	00	15	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	266 00	
3 Forest	Forest	97	9	8	9	8	4	4			4	13	5	18	35	122	27	17	66	June 24	1916	Good	Bright	Yes	600 00	
4 Moore	Courtright	71	7	1	6	5	1				112	1	13	16	62	00	18	155	00	Jan. 27	1916	Good	A 1	Yes	600 00	
7 Arkona	Arkona	55	6	5	3	2	1				13	1	14	17	5	00	4	11	26	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Excel't	Yes	200 00	
3 Alvinston	Alvinston	82	8	10	7	8	2	2	4		2	10	6	16	18	28	27	20	75	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Yes	500 00
8 Ionic	Napier	55	1	1	1	1					10	10	14	7	00	15	111	50	Mar. 17	1916	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
4 Duferin	Melbourne	51	1	3	2	3	1	2	3		12	1	13	11	19	81	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	700 00			
2 Huron	Camlachie	67	1	1	2	3		2			11	2	13	18	30	00	11	97	00	Jan. 1916	1916	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
7 Leopold	Bridgen	70	3	3	3	3	1		1		11	2	13	25	15	75	00	Feb. 1916	1916	F. good	Good	Yes	100 00			
9 Bismarck	Sarnia	81	9	6	8	3	3	3			10	2	12	15	45	00	6	93	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00	
5 St. Clair	Sombra	71	5	4	4	4	2	1	2	2	4	10	13	23	42	140	00	31	157	00	Jan. 3	1916	Good	Good	No	Board
7 Tuscan	Sarnia	272	29	4	24	24	5				10	13	23	42	140	00	31	157	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	350 00	
3 Inwood	Inwood	49	7	1	6	7	5	1	1		12	6	18	20						Dec. 27	1915	Outd't	Good	Yes	Board	

LONDON DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I have pleasure in presenting my report as D.D.G.M. of London District No. 3 for the year ending June 30th, 1916.

I appreciate the honour done me in electing me to the highest office in the gift of the craft of this district and I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for this honour.

I wish also to thank the brethren for the kindly way in which they received me and for the support and assistance rendered. There are some who gave me more than ordinary assistance whom I deem worthy of special mention. R. W. Bro. U. A. Buchner, P.D.D.G.M., gave me valuable assistance in my work and I wish to thank him for the very instructive talks on Masonry which he gave on several of my official visits. R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, P.D.D.G.M., gave a number of fine, stirring patriotic addresses, which appealed to the manhood of the brethren. Those who had the privilege of hearing W. Bro. R. H. McConnell, of St. Thomas, when I visited St. David's Lodge, enjoyed a rare treat. His address on Canada was a scholarly masterpiece and impressed all present. I am grateful to Bros. Neil McGill, R. Dengate and Russell Lee who accompanied me on nearly all my official visits.

At the request of the Masters of the eight city lodges of London, I officiated at a joint installation in December. In this I was assisted by R. W. Bros Buchner and Wallace and V. W. Bro. Bridle, R. W. Bro. Metherrall acted as Director of Ceremonies very efficiently.

I visited each of the lodges at least once during my term. I found throughout the district that the interest in Masonry is being well sustained, that the work is uniform and generally well done. In some of the lodges there is not sufficient respect

shown the chair. I would respectfully submit that the Masters insist upon every courtesy be shown the chair. This will assist in the decorum of the lodges and facilitate in the work. The Secretaries are generally efficient and the books well kept. The funds are low in many instances; due no doubt to the fact that the dues are too low per capita. I would recommend that the dues be not less than \$3.00 a year.

I paid my official visits as follows:—

St. Thomas Lodge No. 44, St. Thomas, September 2nd, 1915. Worked the third degree, well done, general decorum of the lodge good.

Moffatt Lodge No. 399, Harrietsville, September 22nd, 1915. Worked the third degree by two Past Masters; decorum fair.

St. George's Lodge No. 42, London, October 7th, 1915. Worked second degree, fairly well done, decorum good.

King Solomon Lodge No. 378, London, October 14th, 1915. Worked second degree, fairly well done, decorum good.

Nilestown Lodge No. 345, Nilestown, October 19th, 1915. No work, opened and closed in the three degrees, well done, decorum fair.

Cameron Lodge No. 232, Dutton, October 20th, 1915. Worked first degree, very well done, decorum good.

Corinthian Lodge No. 330, London, November 2nd, 1915. Worked first degree, well done, decorum good.

Middlesex Lodge No. 379, Bryanston, November 14th, 1915. No work, opened and closed in the three degrees, fairly well done, decorum fair.

Merrill Lodge No. 344, Dorchester, November 18th, 1915. Worked the third degree by a Past D.D.G.M., decorum fair.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171, Lawrence Station, November 19th, 1915. Worked first degree, well done, decorum only fair, lodge room cramped and inadequate.

St. Paul's Lodge No. 107, Lambeth, December 15th, 1915. No work, opened and closed in the three degrees, well done, decorum good.

Warren Lodge No. 120, Fingal, December 21st, 1915. No work, opened and closed in the three degrees, fairly well done, decorum fair, lodge room not up to date.

St. John's Lodge No. 209a, London, January 7th, 1916. Worked first degree, well done, decorum exceptionally good.

St. David's Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas, February 17th, 1916. Worked second degree, well done, decorum good.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, London, February 18th, 1916. Worked first degree, well done, decorum good.

Tuscan Lodge No. 195, London, March 6th, 1916. Worked third degree, exceptionally well done decorum good.

Union Lodge No. 380, London, March 13th, 1916. Worked the first degree, well done, decorum good.

St. Mark's, Lodge No. 94, Port Stanley, March 14th, 1916. Worked first degree, well done, decorum good.

Doric Lodge No. 289, Lobo, April 13th, 1915. No work, opened and closed in the three degrees, well done, decorum fair.

Henderson Lodge No. 388, Ilderton, April 17th, 1916. Worked first degree, well done, decorum fair.

Mount Olivet Lodge No. 300, Thorndale, April 18th, 1916. No work, opened and closed in the three degrees, well done, decorum fair.

Delaware Valley Lodge No. 358, Delaware, May 12th, 1916. No work, opened and closed in the three degrees, fairly well done, decorum fair.

Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer, May 17th, 1916. Worked third degree, exceptionally well done, decorum good.

Myra Lodge (U.D.) Komoka, June 12th, 1916, Worked first degree, fairly well done, decorum fair.

Myra Lodge at Komoka, which has been working under a dispensation, is progressing, and there seems every prospect of its being one of the best rural lodges in the district. I would recommend that it be granted a charter.

On the twenty-fourth day of June, 1916, I attended the funeral of V. W. Bro. Wm. O'Brien, at the city of London, a member of St. John's Lodge No. 209a, for forty years. At one time he was one of the most active and energetic members of the craft in this district and at the time of his death was Chaplain of his lodge. The brethren of the city will greatly miss this venerable and much respected brother.

Some of the lodges have adopted the plan of having a talk of some nature at each meeting by some brother. These talks take the form of either instruction in some masonic subject in the lodge or of a patriotic or ethical nature at the fourth degree. This has a tendency to increase the attendance and creates a greater interest in the meetings. I would advise the continuance of this as far as possible so long as it does not interfere with the other work of the lodge.

This year has raised new questions respecting our duties to our country and to those who have gone forth to fight the battles of the empire. The brethren of the district have nobly answered the call to the colours. Those who were not in a position to go have done, and are doing, their duty in the many other ways, which are at this time open to them.

Again thanking the brethren of the district for their many kindnesses,

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. POAD, D.D.G.M.,

London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
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St. John's	London	330	12		17	15	15	3	1	2	5	11	6	17	70	142	70	22	197	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00	
St. George's	London	192	7		8	7	7	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	35	80	00				Dec.	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00	
St. Thomas	St. Thomas	381	15		18	17	12	4	1	3	1	4	12	26	52	60	00	15	54	00	Dec.	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1000	00	
Kilwinning	London	263	8		10	10	14	3	3	2	6	10	2	12	10	150	00				Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500	00	
St. Mark's	Port Stanley	82	2		3	2	2	1	2	2	1	11	2	13	15			18	00	Jan. 10	1916	Good	Good	Yes	250	00		
St. Paul	Lambeth	91	2		2	1	1	1	3	1	1	12	1	12	25	32	00	3	15	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	2000	00	
Warren	Fingal	48	2		2	2	1	1				10	10	12	60	00	23	84	00	Dec. 21	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1200	00		
Malahide	Aylmer	130	2		3	7	6	2	1	3	2	12	1	11	30	47	10	10	70	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1000	00	
Pr. of Wales	Lawrence Station	49	3		6	4	2					1	10	2	12	20	35	00	32	175	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	200	00
Belmont	Belmont	139	4		4	3	4	2	2	1	1	10	2	12	20	35	00	32	175	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	500	00	
Tuscan	London	446	17		20	23	18	4	2	2	4	4	7	18	50	207	90	20	20	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00	
St. Johns	London	93	3		4	3	2	1	1	1	1	14	2	16	20			14	12	50	May 23	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	500	00	
Cameron	Dutton	76	6		4	4	5	1				13	13	13	20	10	00	18	62	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	200	00	
Doric	Lobo	65	5		4	3	2	2				12	12	12	15						May 18	1916			Yes	300	00	
Mount Olivet	Thorndale	331	18		2	15	17	6	3	1	2	12	12	24	30			58	475	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1000	00	
St. Davids	St. Thomas	238	15		13	10	6	3	3	2	2	2	13	3	16	50	160	00	15	60	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00
Corinthian	London	358	15		6	5	2	2	2	1	4	11	2	13	16	220	00	5	31	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	700	00	
Merrill	Dorchester	58	6		6	5	2	2	2	1	4	11	2	13	16	15		15	75	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1200	00	
Nilestown	Nilestown	76	10		4	10	7	5	1	2	1	3	9	2	11	18		30	110	00	Dec. 23	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1400	00	
Delaware Val.	Delaware	62	5		14	8	10	1	2			11	5	16	50	60	00	8	24	00	Dec. 31	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00	
K.g. Solomon	London	264	16		2	1			1			12	12	12	14			13	50	00	Feb.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	250	00	
Middlesex	Bryanston	48	2		7	6	9	1	2	4		12	1	13	15	130	00	70	293	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00	
Union	London	304	7		10	9	9	1				12	3	15	17			6	45	00	Jan.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	2200	00	
Henderson	Iderton	56	11		6	3	3	2	2	1		12	3	15	18			5	110	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2200	00	
K.g. Solomon	Thamesford	86	5		5	6	5	2	1			1									June 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	2200	00	
Moffatt	Harrietsville	53			5	6	5					1									June 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	2200	00	
Myra	Komoka	33	16		16	14	11	1				1	11	11	22	15					Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	none	none	

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with pleasure I submit my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District No. 4 for the year ending June, 1916.

I wish again to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me to the high and responsible office of D.D.G.M., also for the kindly and courteous manner in which I have been received on my visitations. Although the duties devolving upon a D.D.G.M. are often exacting, yet, I feel amply repaid for the work incident to the office by the privilege of having made the acquaintance and formed friendship with so many enthusiastic and well skilled Masons. I have endeavoured to perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and if I have disappointed any of my brethren I hope they will give me the benefit of the broad mantle of a mason's charity.

I am pleased to report that in visiting each of the nineteen lodges in the district, I found the officers earnestly endeavouring to present the work in a most proficient and uniform manner, accepting any instructions or suggestions I might give in a most kindly spirit, and, while many excel, all are endeavouring to render the ceremonies in a manner commensurate with the beauty and importance of the great truths therein contained.

Field Day.

On December 21st, 1915, Tudor Lodge No. 141 Mitchell, held a Field-day, which proved to be the grandest Masonic day in the history of the lodge. The brethren assembled at ten o'clock in the morning and from that hour until past midnight Masonry in its three degrees was exemplified in a manner that would do credit to any lodge in Ontario. The visiting lodges taking part in the work were:

Britannia Lodge No. 170, Seaforth.

Elma Lodge No. 456, Monkton.

Stratford Lodge No. 332, Stratford.

Also a military degree team composed of officers from the 71st and 110th Battalions, with W. Bro. Major G. L. Money in the chair. A pleasing innovation in the programme was the conferring of the E. A. degree by the Past Grand Lodge officers of the district with R. W. Bro. S. J. Mallion in the East. The Past Masters of Tudor Lodge concluded the evening's programme by conferring the M. M. degree in a most impressive manner. After the visiting brethren had departed, the officers of the lodge again took charge and although the clock had started on its second round, they proceeded to confer the F. C. degree and even at so late—or rather early—hour, the ceremony was performed in a manner showing that a strenuous day's work does not take from the degree its impressiveness or rob it of its instructive lessons.

W. Bro. D. Hughey, supported by those stalwarts V. W. Bro. W. Schafer and W. Bro. F. Porterfield, are to be congratulated on presenting such an interesting and instructive programme and on carrying it through in such perfect order and harmony.

To the J. W., Bro. C. T. Thomson, fell the lot of providing the entertainment. It is doubtful if such a banquet as he provided ever graced any occasion in the history of Mitchell, certainly not in the history of Tudor lodge. The district may well be proud of the achievement of Tudor Lodge No. 141.

Official Visits.

Granton Lodge No. 483, Granton, W. Bro. Richard Hobbs, W.M., visited February 17th. The W. M. conferred the M. M. degree in a very proficient manner on an exceptionally well prepared candidate. The work of the evening shows that Granton Lodge is supported by energetic Past

Masters who devote a great deal of time to the instruction of the officers progressing through the chairs. Although a good representation of the brethren are serving the King at this time the lodge is to be congratulated on the energetic and capable staff of officers who are taking Masonry seriously and devoting a good deal of attention to the study of Masonic history and tradition.

R. W. Bro. Abery entertained me at his home and his kindly generous attention on this my first official visit in the district, will send me forth to do my duties with a broader outlook, on Masonry, but with an increased anxiety to carry some message to the brethren of the district that may tend to advance the art.

Clinton Lodge No. 84, Clinton, W. Bro. A. C. Clarkson, W.M., visited February 18th. The W. M., supported by a capable set of officers, conferred the M. M. degree in a very acceptable manner. The candidate presented a good examination, which brought forth favourable comments from those present. The register shows that Clinton lodge rooms are used the year round by the members, and especially the Past Masters, a large percentage being present on my official visit. The spacious and comfortable quarters of the lodge are made good use of between meetings by the brethren and in consequence, an excellent Masonic feeling exists between the members. During the course of the evening R. W. Bro. Major Shaw gave an address on "Our Empire" and thrilled the brethren by his enthusiasm in the military course of the empire and of Masonry. I am pleased to be able to report that Clinton Lodge is sustaining the high reputation it holds in the district as one of our oldest and most proficient lodges.

Blyth Lodge No. 303, Blyth, W. Bro. J. A. McTaggart, W.M., visited February 22nd. The F. C. degree was conferred on two well prepared candidates. The W. M. conferred both degrees in an excellent manner, and was ably supported by an enthusiastic set of young officers. The books of the lodge showed an attention to penmanship which was

very pleasing. The brethren of Blyth Lodge proved themselves past masters in the art of welcoming and entertaining visitors. The addresses of the evening were a source of inspiration and instruction to the brethren, and showed by their depth of thought that the Past Masters of Blyth Lodge take Masonry seriously. W. Bro. Dr. Weir saw that the officers and brethren of Morning Star Lodge got home safely, although the meeting broke up long after the electric lights had been turned off at the power house. I wish to thank W. Bro. Major G. L. Money for accompanying me on this occasion. He added the military touch to the meeting by relating his experience on the "Arabic," and in this way rounded out what the brethren of Blyth Lodge have been pleased to term "The banner night of Masonry in Blyth."

Zurich Lodge No. 224, Hensall, W. Bro. Mann, W. M., visited February 28th. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, the work showing that he has a good set of officers who are anxious to do their work well. The brethren of the lodge miss W. Bro. Scrutton, who was one of their most enthusiastic Past Masters. This staunch pillar of Masonry has passed to the Grand Lodge above, but so long as Zurich Lodge has the services of R. W. Bro. Campbell, W. Bros. Pettie and "The Doctor," the work of the lodge will be that of its past history. During the fourth degree, which was presided over in a very pleasing manner by Bro. Sutherland, a history of Zurich Lodge was presented by W. Bro. Pettie. This gave me a pleasing insight into the traditions of the lodge, and the pride and interest of the brethren in those early happenings. W. Bro. McDermid (The Doctor) and one of the fathers of Masonry, added several pleasing reminiscences to this history.

Lebanon Forest Lodge No. 133, Exeter, W. Bro. John E. McGillicuddy, W.M., visited March 13th. The E. A. degree was conferred by the officers of the lodge in a most capable manner. I cannot pass over the work of this lodge without making special mention of the finished work pre-

sented by every officer who participated. The J. W. vied with the W. M. in the impressive manner in which he rendered the duties of his office. This general proficiency and enthusiasm guarantees continued good times for Lebanon Forest. The candidate, Mr. Beaver, is the son-in-law of V. W. Bro. M. Eacrett, who is the oldest Mason in the lodge, and one of the best skilled Masons in the district. Bro. Eacrett's Masonic history should be recorded in the books of the lodge as a landmark to be proud of. The new quarters have an excellent arrangement and furnishings, and the large anti-room lends itself admirably to the comfort of the brethren who make a point of attending all meetings of the lodge en masse. The Past Masters of the lodge do not consider their duty completed when they step from their office. They attend regularly and take a deep interest in the work. The brethren of this district will be pleased to note the elevation of W. Bro. L. H. Dickson to the office of Supreme Judge of Huron County. The brethren of Lebanon Forest will miss the Judge, but with R. W. Bro. D. A. Collins at the helm, the Past Masters of the lodge will lose none of their enthusiasm.

Doric Lodge No. 233, Parkhill, W. Bro. Capt. Geo. M. Racey, W. M., visited March 14th. In the absence of the W. M., who is serving his country at the front, the I. P. M., W. Bro. Jas. F. Gillies occupied the Master's chair, and sharing the work with other Past Masters, presented the M. M. degree. The work was conferred in that efficient manner for which Doric Lodge is noted. We sympathize with W. Bro. Capt. Racey in not being able to complete his term with such a well qualified staff of officers about him. W. Bro. Major Carlton with a number of military brethren were present and contributed to the success of the evening by their manly and patriotic remarks. R. W. Bro. Wm. Dawson and W. Bro. Geo. A. Fraser are two of the live wires of Doric Lodge who help to sustain the high reputation the brethren have attained in the district.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford. W. Bro. Thos. J. Kyle, W. M., visited March 17th. The

W. M. has been handicapped in his regular work by the absence of four of his active officers as well as the I. P. M. Bros. Major J. A. Kennedy, J. W., Lieut. T. A. Voyce, S.D., Pte C. E. Stabler, J.D., and Sergt. A. Cameron, S. S., are all at the front now. W. Bro. Kyle showed his skill in arranging to have present all his officers who were within reach, and so assembled the largest attendance he has had since installation. The homecoming of these good brethren in khaki, coupled with the excellent work presented on the floor, made the evening most interesting and instructive to the large attendance. The Past Masters of the lodge and the officers of Stratford lodge have rallied around the W. M. and are assisting him to such an extent that a casual visitor would not guess at the yeomanlike work W. Bro. Kyle is doing in carrying on the large amount of work accomplished by this lodge. W. Bro. F. A. Copus is filling the I. P. M. chair vacated by the removal of W. Bro. Smith Shaw to Toronto. The books of Tecumseh Lodge are in excellent condition. The work of Bro. F. S. Smith has shown how valuable a thoroughly capable and well skilled secretary is to lodge.

Irving Lodge No. 154, Lucan, W. Bro. Walter L. Gibson, W.M., visited March 23rd. Under instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, I had the pleasure of dedicating the rooms of Irving Lodge No. 154, being assisted in the ceremony by R. W. Bros. C. Hodgins and S. J. Mallion, W. Bros. R. T. Raycroft, T. Hill, C. J. Murdy, T. D. Orme, A. J. Clatworthy, C. A. Pattison, F. Manns, M. H. O'Neill, W. T. Banting, Rev. W. Lowe and W. G. Ferguson. At the close of the dedication ceremony, I was received most cordially on my official visitation. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, affording me a chance to give the necessary instruction in these degrees. W. Bro. Gibson has a very capable staff of officers who do their work well. In overhauling the lodge room and having it so beautifully decorated, the W. M. has shown his determination to keep Irving Lodge on the high pedestal of efficiency

it has always held in the district. The brethren of Irving Lodge prepared a fourth degree in keeping with the occasion.

St. Marys Lodge No. 493, St. Marys, W. Bro. A. E. Brown, W.M., visited March 27th. The M. M. degree was conferred by the W. M. and his staff of officers. The work of the evening showed that the officers give a good deal of attention to detail both on the floor and in the interpretation of the work. In this sublime degree the W. M. showed that he had given the degree a great deal of thought, with the result that I have never heard the work given more earnestly, and I am sure the candidate received impressions which will beam among the brightest of his Masonic jewels. I had the pleasure of presenting the I.P.M., W. Bro. Thos. E. Granger, with the jewel of his office, showing the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. Although St. Marys Lodge No. 493 is the baby lodge of the district, the work shows a high degree of proficiency, and is a distinct compliment to St. James Lodge—the parent from which it sprang. W. Bro. Brown is preparing an interesting evening for the brethren of St. Marys in the form of a history of Masonry to be presented by Bro. Johnson. The writings of our worthy brother are always of interest and I am looking forward to a Masonic treat when this paper is read.

Britannia Lodge No. 170, Seaforth, W. Bro. H. H. Ross, W.M., visited April 3rd. The W. M., assisted by an excellent staff of officers, conferred two E. A. degrees on candidates of the highest calibre. The ceremony was performed in a manner that proved the officers to be well skilled and masters of the art at their several stations. The lodge is fortunate in having the services of two P.D.D.G. Ms., who are most enthusiastic Masons—R. W. Bros. J. H. Reid and R. E. Cooper are in regular attendance at the convocations of the lodge. Enthusiastic Past Masters are a source of great strength to a lodge, and in the twenty-one Past Masters in good standing, Britannia Lodge has a wealth of Masonic knowledge which spells con-

tinued success. The Secretary's books are kept in excellent shape by W. Bro. Jackson, who is one of the live wires of the lodge.

Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell, W. Bro. S. A. Hewitt, W.M., visited April 18th. In conferring the E. A. degree the W. M. not only proved himself to be a most capable and well skilled Master, but gave his excellent staff of officers an opportunity of proving themselves worthy the confidence reposed in them by their brethren. The work of the evening had a finish to it which showed the guiding hand of such enthusiastic Masons as R. W. Bro. Wm. Elliott, V. W. Bro. Wm. Schafer and their tireless worker W. Bro. F. Porterfield. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness, and with Bro. A. J. Blowes at the helm, this great essential in Masonry is being guided by a masterhand.

Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden, W. Bro. Allen Bechtel, W.M., visited April 27th. The W. M. conferred the E. A. degree on an excellent candidate in a most impressive manner. In the absence of the I.P.M., V. W. Bro. James R. Livingstone, through sickness, the W. M. gave the charge of the degree to the candidate, the whole atmosphere of the meeting being that of a family gathering of well skilled Masons. While the membership of Wilmot Lodge is not large, there is an excellent Masonic spirit between the brethren. The business of the lodge is in a good healthy condition, and all is well with the brethren in Baden.

St. James Lodge No. 73, St. Marys, W. Bro. Richard Goodhand, W.M., visited April 28th. For my convenience the W. M. very kindly called an emergent meeting at which he conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner. The remaining officers are young, enthusiastic Masons who do their work well and are a credit to the lodge. The most cordial relations exist between the two St. Marys lodges, a number of the brethren being members of both. The office of Secretary in both lodges is filled by W. Bro. Thos. L. Sinclair, to whose guiding hand the continued prosperity of the lodges is largely due. I had the privilege of pre-

senting W. Bro. Arthur Deviney with the P. M.'s jewel, a token from his brethren of the high esteem in which he is held, and as a lasting tribute to his enthusiasm and energy in behalf of the lodge.

New Dominion Lodge No. 205, New Hamburg, W. Bro. Walter Kerr, W.M., visited May 9th. There being no candidate for the evening, the W. M. exemplified the F. C. degree on one of the brethren. In view of the fact that the lodge has had no degree work this term, the work of the W. M. showed that he had devoted a great deal of time to its preparation, and is deserving of better support from the brethren of the lodge. This is one of the cases where the Past Masters of the lodge might well set a good example by their attendance, but only two were present. Of course one of these was R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, the father of the lodge. The brethren present were most hearty in their reception of me and on adjournment to partake of the pleasures of the 4th degree, we had a most enjoyable family gathering. W. Bro. Col. John McCallum entertained us with a most inspiring military address. I am safe in saying that if the whole membership of New Dominion Lodge were as enthusiastic as those present on this occasion, the lodge would be one of the most thriving in the district.

Elma Lodge No. 456, Monkton, W. Bro. J. S. Ellacott, W.M., visited May 12th. The W. M., with the support of an excellent staff of officers, conferred the E. A. degree with an impressiveness and attention to detail which places him in the first rank as a master of the art. The register shows that the Master is supported by a large attendance at all meetings. On this occasion the brethren were out in force and were delighted to have a goodly number of visitors from Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, with them. Elma Lodge is to be congratulated on having so many energetic and capable members filling the chairs. The future of the lodge for many years is assured by the judicious choice made in this respect. W. Bro. A. Chalmers is a Secretary second to none in the district, and, along

with the other Past Masters, is always on the alert in the best interests of the lodge.

Milverton Lodge No. 478, Milverton, W. Bro. George A. Barth, W.M., visited May 15th. The brethren turned out in force for the meeting, and we spent a most enjoyable and instructive evening together. The brethren of Milverton Lodge, like their neighbors in Monkton, have the happy knack of doing things well. In conferring the E. A. degree, the W. M. and his officers performed their duties with that easy swing which is most pleasing to those on the side benches, and instructive to the candidate. A most cordial Maonsic spirit is apparent among the brethren, creating a pleasant atmosphere in their gatherings.

Morning Star Lodge No. 309, Carlow, W. Bro. George F. Youngblut, W.M., visited May 17th. I was received most cordially by a good representation of the brethren. From the moment I smelled that wholesome wood fire in the ante-room until I again passed out on retiring, I enjoyed every moment of the meeting. The business of the lodge is conducted in a first-class manner. The books under the guiding hand of W. Bro. Dr. Bert C. Weir, are in excellent shape. The register shows that the brethren make good use of the cosy quarters in which the lodge is housed. The brethren are on most happy terms with their parent lodge, Maitland of Goderich, and, as V. W. Bro. Col. Varcoe says, "It will be a sad day for Morning Star Lodge if they are taken out of this district." We hope that day will never come.

Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich, W. Bro. W. J. Millar, W.M., visited May 18th. The brethren received me most heartily, turning out in large numbers, as is their custom at regular meetings. The W. M., assisted by a most capable staff of officers, conferred the E. A. degree in a manner in keeping with the ancient traditions of the oldest lodge in this district. The Past Masters are regular in attendance and keep thoroughly posted in the work of the lodge. The magnificent quarters are a

source of pride and comfort to the brethren, who use them as a club room. Recently furnished billiard parlours have added greatly to the attractions for the brethren between meetings. A most sociable Masonic spirit exists, the whole atmosphere of Maitland Lodge acting as a Masonic tonic on all who are privileged to attend.

Stratford Lodge No. 332, Stratford, W. Bro. Capt. J. A. Beattie, W.M., To report on my mother lodge officially would be like a pupil writing up his teachers. I can only say that the present officers are as capable and as thorough in their work as any who have preceded them. The W. M. the I.P.M., Capt. O. A. Cannon, and two junior officers, Capt. F. Bloxam and Lieut. J. Dempsey are wearing the King's uniform. We wish them and the other twenty members of the lodge who are in khaki, God speed and a happy reunion at the close of this, the greatest calamity in the history of civilization. W. Bro. H. H. Dempsey, not only as Secretary but previously as an officer of the lodge, has a record of attendance which I believe holds first place as regards regularity. The Past Masters of Stratford Lodge are conspicuous by their absence from the regular communications—a glaring exception to the rule in this district.

W. Bro. F. A. Copus kindly consented to act as District Secretary and I am much indebted to him for his assistance.

In conclusion I wish to say that my term of office has been one of great pleasure and profit to me. In laying down the gavel of authority as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district, I feel that I am officially severing a much prized connection with a great many true Masonic friends; but I hope to make these new friendships permanent by social visitations.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. BAKER, D.D.G.M.,

South Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
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33	Maitland	Goderich	205	23	23	117	3	8	12	24	37	75	00	45	200	00	July 13	1915	3174	92	Excel't	Yes	1500	00
73	St. James'	St. Marys	128	11	15	16	14	1	1	12	8	20	24	7	00	00	June 23	1916	3174	92	Good	Yes	600	00
84	Clinton	Clinton	81		3	5	5	3	1	3	15	4	19	22	10	00	Jan. 8	1916	3174	92	Fair	Yes	60	00
33	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	107		3	1	3	3	1	11	11	23		7	144	00	June 28	1916	3174	92	Fair	Yes	400	00
41	Tudor	Mitchell	75	8	11	10	5	1	1	13	9	22	22	200	00	8	Dec. 27	1915	3174	92	Good	Yes	300	00
44	Tecumseh	Stratford	269	6	12	9	10	5	1	4	7	13	9	22	25	120	June 24	1916	3174	92	Good	Yes	2500	HT
54	Irving	Lucan	89		2						2	9	3	12	15	8	Jan. 27	1915	3174	92	Fair	Yes	300	00
170	Britannia	Seaford	133	12		12	13	13			1	12	5	17	20	125	Dec. 27	1915	3174	92	Good	Yes	600	00
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	40	1		1	1	1				11	21	3	7	15	June 28	1916	3174	92	Fair	Yes	200	00
224	Zurich	Hensall	74	4	7	4	4	3	3	2	6	21	2	17	15	50	June 24	1916	3174	92	Good	No	400	00
233	Doric	Parkhill	61	1		5	4	4	1	3		3	12	2	14	12	June 27	1916	3174	92	Good	Yes	400	00
303	Blyth	Blyth	86	2	4	4	4	1	1	3		2	13	1	14	25	July 6	1915	3174	92	Good	Yes	400	00
809	Morning Star	Carlow	55		1						1	13	13	17	38	50	Dec. 27	1915	3174	92	Good	No	600	00
18	Wilnot	Baden	29	2	3	3	2				7	4	11	10			July 31	1915	3174	92	Fair	Yes	500	00
332	Stratford	Stratford	204	5	12	9	8	2	3	4		2	12	6	18	26	Dec. 31	1915	3174	92	Bright	Yes	2500	HT
456	Elma	Monkton	55								1	13	3	16	19	55	Dec. 27	1915	3174	92	Fair	Yes	150	00
478	Milverton	Milverton	71	3	3	3	3					13	13	13	14		Mar. 11	1916	3174	92	Fair	Yes	250	00
483	Granville	Granville	57	3	3	3	3					12	3	15	20		Dec. 27	1915	3174	92	Good	Yes	500	00
493	St. Mary's	St. Marys	85	11		11	10	10				12	7	19	25	25	Dec. 23	1916	3174	92	Good	Yes	600	00

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &

A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit my report as D.
D.G.M. of North Huron District No. 5 for the past
year.

I desire to express my appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this responsible office. I entered upon my duties with many misgivings, but thanks to the cordial support everywhere accorded, and the assistance rendered me by the distinguished brethren of the district, my term of office has not been wanting in success. I desire also to thank the brethren for the cordial fraternal spirit in which I was always received, and the generous hospitality everywhere extended me. I visited each of the nineteen lodges of the district at least once, and in every instance was received with marked cordiality and great kindness; not, of course, being particularly due to me personally, but, as bespeaking the loyalty of the brethren to Grand Lodge and their devotion to the craft. The condition of Masonry throughout the district, as a whole, is healthy and prosperous. Most of the lodges report substantial gain in membership. Their financial affairs are generally satisfactory, and their books and records are well kept. Harmony prevails generally and the brethren evince an ever increasing knowledge and appreciation of the true spirit of Masonry as well as greater readiness to apply its principles practically in everyday life. While some lodges are naturally stronger and more prosperous than others, there are none in the district which have not bright and encouraging prospects, if the brethren remain true to themselves and the craft. The officers of the lodges, as a rule, are well posted in their duties, and well fitted to be rulers of the craft. I have drawn the attention of the Masters of the different lodges throughout the district in regard to their

junior officers getting up their work, and to the candidates in getting up their floor work, which are most essential. We have been very slack in some cases in not having candidates well posted. No brother should be promoted as a matter of course, nor should any brother be elected to the chair of the lodge, who has been either a failure or a partial success as Warden.

I have not selected any Secretaries for special mention, the only reason being that the general standard of work done by these officers is exceptionally high, and where all are so efficient it would be unfair to discriminate.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master I had the pleasure of dedicating Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin, on June 16th, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ryan as D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. McPherson as G.S.W.; V. W. Bro. Miller as G.J.W.; W. Bro. Langford as G.D. of C.; W. Bro. Miller as G. Architect; W. Bro. Bowce as G. Secy.; W. Bro. Douglass as G. Treas.; W. Bro. Rev. Walker as

G. Chap.; W. Bro. Shannon, G. Pursot; and a large number of P. Masters from a number of lodges in the district. After the ceremony was over all adjourned to the Arlington Hotel, where a magnificent banquet was prepared.

Many of the distinguished brethren of the district were present, and the addresses were of a very high order.

Visits.

Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter. Visited September 20th, 1915. There was a fair attendance. The W. M. conferred the third degree in a very able manner. The candidates were not very well prepared. I drew the W. M's. attention to the fact, and asked him to have them fully prepared before advancing to a higher degree. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Brown, P.D.D.G.M., on this occasion. Secretary's books are well kept, prospects fair.

Hanover Lodge No. 432, Hanover. Visited 22nd October, 1915. There was a good attendance. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Sirrs and Bro. Saunders, of Cargill. The W. M. exemplified the first degree in a very able and efficient manner. The deacons were exceptionally good. Prospects are good. Secretary's books are well kept.

Wingham Lodge No. 286, Wingham. Visited November 2nd, 1915. There was a large attendance the W. M. and his officers conferred the F. C. degree on a well prepared candidate. The work was done in a fairly good manner. A little practice by the junior officers would add more interest to the meetings. R. W. Bro. Morton, P.D.D.G.M., has the books in first-class order. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Spotton, P.D.D.G.M., on this occasion.

Fordwich Lodge No. 331, Fordwich. Visited November 18th, 1915. There was a good attendance. The W. M. conferred the F. C. degree on two well prepared candidates. The work was well rendered. The officers take a great interest in their work. R. W. Bro. Hutchison, P.D.D.G.M., has his books in good condition. Prospects fair.

St. John's Lodge No. 284, Brussels. Visited November 16th, 1915. There was a good attendance, many visitors being present. The W. M. conferred the F. C. degree on a well prepared candidate. The officers take a great interest in their work. Secretary's books are well kept.

Forest Lodge No. 393, Chesley. Visited December 21st, 1915. I was accompanied by Bro. A. McDonald, of Cargill. There was a fair attendance. The W. M. exemplified the first degree in a fair manner; was a little nervous. The Wardens are proficient in their work. Opened and closed in the three degrees. The P. Ms. take an active part in this lodge. Secretary's books are well kept.

Maple Leaf No. 362, Tara. Visited February 14th, 1916. There was a good attendance. The W. M. conferred the F. C. degree on a well pre-

pared candidate. The lecture was clearly and impressively rendered by the S. Warden. The Deacons were well up in their work. The Secretary, Bro. Monkman, keeps his books in a faultless manner. Perfect harmony prevails. Look out for Maple Leaf.

Cedar Lodge No. 396, Wiarton. Visited February 15th, 1916. I was accompanied by W. Bro. G. Lamont, of Chesley. There was a large attendance. The W. M., R. W. Bro. J. Cameron, P.D.D.G.M., conferred the first degree in a manner almost above criticism. The J. Warden gave his lecture in a faultless manner. Cedar Lodge is one of the banner lodges in this district. Secretary's books are well kept and the finances of the lodge are good. The P. Masters take an active part in the work.

Burns Lodge No. 436, Hepworth. Visited February 16th, 1916. There was a small attendance. W. Bro. G. Lamont accompanied me on this visit. The W. M. called a special meeting for my benefit. The W. M. exemplified the first degree in a fairly good manner. The officers seemed to be very nervous. More practice is necessary. The W. M. assured me that they would do better in future.

Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow. Visited February 17th, 1916. There was a good attendance. It was the installation of officers. The ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. Patterson, P.D.D.G.M. It was a pleasure for me to hear the way the work was put on. The W. M. conferred the first degree fairly well. Opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers require more practice.

Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel. Visited February 18th, 1916. There was a large attendance. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Foster, P.D.D.G.M. There was no work for the evening. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in a fair manner. He was very nervous, but no doubt he will overcome this in time. The officers

had their work well and are very enthusiastic. V. W. Bro. Blackmore keeps his books in fine order and is very proficient in his work. Addresses were given by a number of the distinguished brethren present.

Teeswater Lodge No. 276, Teeswater. Visited February 24th, 1916. There was a fair attendance. The first degree was worked by the W. M. most efficiently. The Wardens and Deacons had their work well. The J. W. gave the lecture in a very able manner.

Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton. Visited March 14th, 1916. There was a large attendance. The first degree was worked by the W. M. and his officers in a very able and efficient manner. It was a pleasure to me to see the way the work was put on, no fault could be found. The Wardens are exceptionally good, especially the J. W. in giving the lecture. It was almost perfect. This lodge is in a sound financial condition. The Secretary, Bro. McKay, is a live wire. This is one of the best lodges in the district, having made rapid strides the last two years. Many visitors were present at this meeting.

Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin. Visited March 16th, 1916. The W. M. conferred the first degree on a candidate. The W. M. requires a little more practice. The Wardens had their work well in hand, also the Deacons. On the whole, the work of the evening was fair. J. Warden gave his lecture in a faultless manner. Attendance was not very large. Secretary's books are well kept.

St. Lawrence Lodge No. 131, Southampton. Visited March 21st, 1916. There was a good attendance. The W. M. conferred the second degree on a well prepared candidate. The work of the evening was fairly well done. The Secretary keeps his books in a faultless manner, and the finances are in good shape; I think the best in the district.

Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley. Visited April 3rd, 1916. There was a large attendance.

The W. M. conferred the first degree in a faultless manner and was ably assisted by his officers. This is one of the best lodges in the district, coming along very rapidly. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. F. Ryan, P.D.D.G.M. He takes an active interest in the work of the lodge. Secretary's books are well kept.

Bruce Lodge No. 341, Tiverton. Visited May 16th, 1916. There was a very large attendance. A number of visitors were present. The third degree was worked in a very able manner. The P. Masters take an active part in this lodge. Secretary's books are well kept. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. MacPherson, P.D.D.G.M., on this occasion. W. Bro. A. Bell was presented with a P. Master's jewel and it was a pleasure for me to invest him.

Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill. Visited May 19th, 1916. There was a very large attendance. Naturally a visit to one's mother lodge is a high source of pleasure, and I will be pardoned when I say that my visit there as D.D.G.M. afforded me the highest pleasure of my life. The W. M. exemplified the second degree in a fairly good manner; the large attendance seemed to bother him. Some of the most distinguished brethren of the district were present and their addresses were of a high order. This closed one of the most successful meetings ever held by Moravian Lodge.

Northern Light Lodge No. 93, Kincardine. Visited May 19th, 1916. There was a very large attendance. The W. M. conferred the second degree on a well prepared candidate. It was done in a faultless manner. I do not think it is necessary for a D.D.G.M. to visit Northern Light. The P. Masters all take an active part. I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, at this meeting. The lodge room was crowded to its utmost capacity. It was an extreme pleasure to listen to the address given by the M. W. G. Master. After work we adjourned to the banquetting hall where the tables were filled to overflowing

with good things. The decorations were the best I had ever seen and some of the most distinguished brethren of the district were present. Visitors from Wingham, Cargill, Lucknow, Tiverton and Stratford were present. The addresses were of a very high order and the songs well rendered. This closed one of the most successful nights I have had in the district.

Throughout the district each lodge recognized the importance of an official visit from the D.D.G. M., and the members were present in goodly numbers.

The fourth degree in every instance was well conducted and reflected credit on the lodges. I wish to express my gratitude for the hospitality extended, the good things, both mental and material, which were provided and for the cordiality and fraternal spirit which everywhere prevailed.

In conclusion I wish to say that my term of office has been one of great pleasure and profit to me and I trust that the benefits derived will be mutual. Again I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the honour conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. LOUGHLEEN, D.D.G.M.,

North Huron District No.5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in North Huron District No. 5, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular	Emergency	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members							
93	Northern Light.	Kincardine	122	1	1	1	1	2		2	3	1	14	4	18	36	25 00			Dec. 27	Good	Yes	1850 00
131	St. Lawrence...	Southampton	83	1	1	7	6	5		3	3		12	1	3	15	35 00			Dec. 27	Good	Yes	1000 00
182	Forest...	Wroxeter	44	1	1	1	1	1		1			9		9	10					Fair	Yes	1200 00
184	Old Light...	Lucknow	105	2	4	4	2	2		2	2		12		12	15	65 00	37	104 50	Dec. 27	Bright	Yes	500 00
197	Saugeen...	Walkerton	74	9	12	9	9	9		2			11		2	13	20 00	6	21 00	Dec. 27	Fair	Yes	500 00
225	Bernard...	Listowel	112	5	7	2	3	3		2	4		12		2	14	25	16	65 50	Dec. 27	Fair	Yes	800 00
235	Aldworth...	Paisley	94	6	6	5	5	5		1			12		2	17		32	108 25	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	300 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	51	4	1	1	1	3					10		2	12	10 00	3	20 00	Jan. 24	Good	Yes	250 00
284	St. John's...	Brussels	94	3	5	4	3						13		3	16	125 00	21	68 50	June 24	Good	Yes	300 00
286	Wingham...	Wingham	109	3	7	6	7			2			13		1	20	15 00	23	150 00	June 24	Good	Yes	1500 00
331	Fordwich...	Fordwich	65	5	1	5	4	4					11		1	20	65 00	12	150 00	June 24	Good	Yes	400 00
341	Bruce...	Tiverton	75	4	4	4	4	4		1			7		3	10	10 00	35	250 00	Jan. 29	Good	Yes	500 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	63	2	5	5	6	6		1	1		2		1	18		40	25 00	June 29	Fair	Yes	500 00
393	Forest...	Chesley	70	4	2	2	2	2					9		9	11	80 00	33	132 00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	800 00
396	Cedar...	Wiaraton	137	6	7	4	3	5		1	3		11		4	15		32	139 95	Dec. 28	Fair	Yes	500 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	60	1	3	3	3	4					11		3	19	5 00	10	00	Dec. 27	Fair	Yes	No
431	Moravian...	Cargill	54	8	6	5	8	8		2	5		14		4	18	25 00	1	43 00	Dec. 27	Fair	Yes	600 00
432	Hanover...	Hanover	69	3	3	3	1	5					16		2	12	25 00		68 61	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	500 00
436	Burns...	Hepworth	39	1	1	1	1			1			9		2	11	10						

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the conditions of Masonry in Wilson District during the year just closed. I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the brethren for the honour they bestowed upon me in electing me to this honoured office and also for the many courtesies received at their hands; especially am I grateful to those who so kindly assisted me in my work and accompanied me on my visits. It would only be fair for me to especially mention R. W. Bro. Col. Sutherland and R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton for their ever ready and able assistance.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. R. D. Montgomery as District Secretary and W. Bro. Leroy Heath as District Chaplain, both of whom rendered valuable services, while W. Bro. Montgomery shortly after his appointment felt it his duty to answer the call of our King and country and identified himself with the 168th Battalion of which he is the Major.

I am pleased to report that perfect harmony and progress throughout the whole district prevails. I have failed to detect the faintest discord in any lodge in the district and the work of each has been exemplified in a very high order. The Past Masters and officers generally are enthusiastic and anxious to get their work as near perfect as possible and the Past Masters are generally quite eager to join in the work. It has also been most gratifying to note the large number of the brethren who have joined the colors in defence of our King and country and while this has been a heavy drain on our lodges, strange to say, the increase in membership has greatly exceeded that of any preceeding year.

I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to stimulate the desire to render the work in as impressive a manner as possible so as to bring out the beauties and solemnities of the ceremony; to keep the work as nearly uniform as possible throughout the district; to encourage fraternal visiting and that the brethren give more attention to visiting the sick and caring for the bereaved, as there never was a time in the history of Masonry that there was greater call and use and need for the high ideals of Masonry than the present. I wish also to mention the work of the various secretaries throughout the district. In all cases I found the books and affairs of the lodges in good, competent hands. I made all my official visits on the regular meetings of the lodge and it was very gratifying to see even the smaller lodges discharge their business and affairs of the lodge in so good an order.

It is with deep regret that I report the passing away of the following brethren:—V. W. Bro. A. McGachie, who was secretary of my mother lodge, King Solomon's No. 43, which was a great blow to the lodge, as there was never a human heart beat in a truer Masonic bosom than that of our late brother, who was buried with full craft honours; the same can be said of W. Bro. Irwin, of St. John's Lodge, Norwich, who was an enthusiastic and exemplary Mason and a valued and esteemed brother of the community; also Bro. A. West, of Oak Branch Lodge, Innerkip, whose greatest ambition in this life was to follow the ideals and teachings of Masonry.

They're passing away, these dear old friends,
 Like leaves on the current cast;
 With never a break in the rapid flow,
 We watch them as one by one they go,
 Into the solemn past.

In accordance with the usual custom a lodge of instruction was held at Woodstock on May the twenty-sixth, at which there was a very large attendance, about four hundred of the brethren from all parts of the district being present. One of the

most pleasant features of the session was the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, S. A. Luke, also the R. W. the Grand Chaplain, W. Snelgrove, who both delivered most instructive and fluent speeches, which were received with much pleasure by every one present and we extend to these esteemed brethren a hearty welcome at any time in Wilson District. The lodge convened at two p.m. with R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton and his able set of officers of Vienna Lodge in the chairs, and exemplified the work in the first degree, when the lodge was turned over to St. John's No. 68, Ingersoll, who exemplified the second degree. In the evening the officers of Oxford Lodge No. 76 took the chairs and exemplified the third degree, all of which was rendered in a very pleasing manner. A very pleasant feature of this meeting was the presentation to R. W. Bro. Clutton and brethren of Vienna Lodge, on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as Past Master, of a set of Master and Warden's chairs by the officers and brethren of King Solomon's No. 43, Woodstock.

In submitting my report of the individual lodges I will be as brief as possible. I was everywhere received with the unbounded hospitality for which the brethren of Wilson District are renowned, and on nearly every occasion entertaining programmes were presented.

Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, was visited on March 14th, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The officers showed up in good form and did their work in a very satisfactory manner. The Secretary R. E. Gunton, fills his position with credit to himself and honour to the craft and while there are a great number of the brethren of this lodge who answered the call of our King and country, yet Masonry is not suffering in attention and good work.

King Hiram Lodge No. 37 and St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll, on March 3rd. I visited the above lodges at a joint meeting at which each lodge worked a degree, the officers doing their work in a satisfactory manner, notwithstanding that

I had the pleasure of installing them in January. After the exemplification of degrees a very nice luncheon was provided by the brethren. The finances of both lodges are in a healthy condition and harmony and good fellowship prevail.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 43 and Oxford Lodge No. 76, February the tenth. I paid my official visit to my mother lodge and the sister lodge at a joint meeting on the above date. The lodges also entertained R. W. Bro. Col. Sutherland and brethren of 71st Battalion and Bro. Col. Mc Mullen and brethren of the 168th Battalion. We also had with us R. W. Bro. Naylor, of Ingersoll, R. W. Bro. Hulett, W. Bro. McWhirter and W. Bro. Moles of Norwich; R. W. Bro. Waddell, of Port Dover; R. W. Bro. Col. Cohoe, of St. Catharines and a number of brethren from Innerkip and Embro lodges. The regular officers of King Solomon's Lodge opened and conferred the first part of the degree when the officers of Oxford Lodge assumed the chairs and completed the degree. When opened in the second degree the chairs were turned over to R. W. Bro. Col. Sutherland and his officers who raised a member of their Battalion to the sublime degree of M. M. The Col. was most ably assisted in the work by Major Thompson, of Tillsonburg; R. W. Bro. Dunlop, of Goderich and R. W. Bro. Major Massie. All the work was of an exceptionally high order, as it is always a great pleasure to witness the work exemplified by R. W. Bro. Sutherland and his able set of officers. After the lodges were closed in harmony about 225 sat down to a banquet which was tastefully served by the ladies of the Children's Aid Society, which was followed by an excellent toast list, music and song. The quartette of King Solomon's Lodge, with Prof. Pascoe at the Piano, supplied the music for the degree work and contributed largely towards the pleasant hour which followed the banquet.

On January the nineteenth I visited King Hiram Lodge No. 78, Tillsonburg, and witnessed degree work exemplified by the regular officers of the lodge, which was of a very high order. R. W.

Bro. Col. Sutherland was also present and with a number of his officers, assisted by some of the officers of the 168th Battalion, exemplified the third degree in a most able manner. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition as was shown by the very large attendance present and the very satisfactory financial condition of the books. King Hiram 78 has the finest equipped quarters of any lodge in Wilson District. We congratulate King Hiram Lodge also on the number of officers and brethren who have offered their services to our King and country, among whom are the W. Master, Bro. McIntyre, who is Captain of the 71st, and Bro. Senior Warden Brookfield, who is Paymaster of the 71st. While during their absence the duties of the lodge will be ably taken care of by the Past Masters, who wish the brethren God-speed.

St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, Ont. I visited this lodge on February eighth, when the first degree was exemplified in a most able and proficient manner by the regular officers of the lodge. The night was very cold and rough, which retarded the attendance to some extent, though there was a good number of P. Ms. present, who ably assisted the Master in the different parts of the degree work. The lodge was opened to the third degree and closed, with all the work being of a very satisfactory order. The books of the lodge, which are in a healthy condition, are also nicely kept.

St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich. I visited on January 26th, when two firsts and a second degree were exemplified by the officers of St. John's Lodge, the W. Master being ill his duties were very ably discharged by W. Bro. Moles and L. P. M Macwhirter. One of the distinguishing features of the evening was the initiation of Capt. Barnett, Chaplain of the 71st Battalion, and the Passing of Lieut. Beattie, also of the 71st Battalion, who expects to be drafted in the near future for overseas service. The degrees as exemplified were of a very satisfactory order. This lodge is in a very healthy condition and ably supported by a good number of P. Ms. who take an interest in Masonry

in general and their lodge in particular. I was accompanied on this visit by R. W. Bro. Dutton and the District Secretary Montgomery.

Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford. I paid my official visit to this lodge on December the twenty-seventh and installed the officers for the ensuing year. The Master, who was re-elected, showed considerable ability and efficiency in the work. Some of the junior officers should manifest a little more attention and dignity in the discharge of their responsible office.

Blenheim Lodge No. 108, Princeton on November the 26th. I was given a very cordial reception on the occasion of my visit to this lodge. The regular officers of the lodge initiated a very promising candidate in a very impressive manner, after which the lodge was raised and closed in the three degrees. I was accompanied on this visit by R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sutherland and a number of officers of the 71st Battalion; also a large number of P.Ms. of King Solomon's Lodge. There were also present R. W. Bro. Smiley and a number of brethren from Paris, Plattsville, Ayr and Burford.

Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford. I visited on March 15th. A goodly number of brethren visited from Scotland, Hagersville, Simcoe and other places, and a splendid turnout of the brethren from Wilson Lodge. The degree work was done in a very satisfactory manner, after which luncheon was served and a number of speeches delivered, all of a patriotic nature. The affairs of the lodge are well looked after by Secretary D. A. Hill, and finances are in a very healthy condition.

Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover. I paid my official visit to this lodge on January 17th when the third degree was exemplified by the regular officers of the lodge in a very able and satisfactory manner to a bright and well posted candidate. This lodge is in a very healthy condition as was shown by the books of the lodge and attendance and interest manifested by the P. Ms. They also have an excellent system to provide for emergent charity calls

as they keep a fund of about \$500.00 set apart from the regular lodge funds for charity and benevolent purposes.

On Thursday, November the eighteenth I paid an official visit to Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan, Ont. The third degree was exemplified satisfactorily by P. M., W. Bro. Foster and officers of the lodge. The Master, being lighthouse keeper, was unable to be present. While this is an old lodge yet there seemed to be a lack of interest on the part of the Past Masters in keeping up the enthusiasm. The Secretary, W. Bro. Biddle, is a very efficient officer and keeps his books with great care and pride. The finances of the lodge are very satisfactory. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Moore of Oxford Lodge 76.

Plattsville Lodge No. 178, Plattsville. I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of December 17th and installed their officers for the ensuing twelve months. I was ably assisted by my predecessor, Lieut.-Col. Sutherland and R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton; also a number of P. Ms. from King Solomon's Lodge. After installation the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very able manner. The special feature of the evening was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of this lodge. Three applications for initiation were read and they also have a number of candidates under way, and with the bright young set of officers which were installed, prosperity for Plattsville Lodge No. 178 is assured.

Oriental Lodge No. 181, Port Burwell. I paid my official visit to this lodge on December the twenty-first. The regular officers exemplified the first and second degrees on excellent candidates, after which the election of officers took place. The S. W., Bro. Samson being elected Master of the lodge, and from appearance will fill the chair very ably. Three applications for initiation were read in open lodge and by a little improvement on the part of the junior officers this lodge will be progressive, though very limited in territory. A great number of the Vienna brethren were present.

November the fifteenth, Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland. I paid my official visit when I conducted the election of officers. There being no degree work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very satisfactorily. The finances of the lodge are in a very healthy condition and the books are well looked after by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Messecar. There was a good attendance of members and a number of P. Ms. and Masters from sister lodges. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Dutton and District Secretary and W. Bro. Revell.

Frederick Lodge No. 217, Delhi, Ont. I paid my official visit to this lodge on February the seventh. As there was no degree work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the regular officers, who performed their duties with a great deal of pride and care. The books of the lodge were found to be in good condition and nicely kept. There was a good attendance of P. Ms. and brethren, also a number of visiting brethren from Simcoe and other places. The brethren of Frederick Lodge are to be congratulated on the excellent and well equipped quarters which they have.

Vienna Lodge No. 237, Vienna I visited on March 17th. I was also accompanied by a number of the brethren of King Solomon's Lodge and though the weather was severe without, the brethren were very warm within and a large number were present, also a number of visiting brethren from nearby lodges. The third degree was exemplified by R. W. Bro. Clutton, Master of the Lodge, together with his able set of officers. This being Bro. Clutton's fiftieth anniversary as Past Master, he celebrated the occurrence by filling the chair as Master for this year which was a pleasure and inspiration to every brother present to see the work delivered in such an able manner. After the work was finished a very nice banquet was provided and all departed agreeing that they had spent a red letter night in Masonry in Vienna Lodge.

Thistle Lodge No. 250, Embro, January the 20th, when a first and two second degrees were

exemplified. This lodge has excellent quarters for a lodge of its size, they have a great deal of work on hand as they are taking in a lot of very fine material, though the work as exemplified was not of the highest order. I strongly recommend that more attention and study be given to the work and also that they do more fraternity visiting. I was accompanied on my visit by District Secretary W. Bro. Montgomery and W. Bro. Heath, who assisted in the work.

On October the eighteenth Springfield Lodge No. 259, Springfield. I was very pleased on the occasion of my visit to see such a large attendance of members and a number of visitors from adjoining lodges. The rooms had recently been improved and are very cheerful and convenient and comfortable. The officers are well up in the work and exemplified the third degree on a very bright and well posted candidate in a most efficient manner. This lodge has a splendid set of officers and a number of the P. Ms. take an active part in the work. The books of the lodge I found in good condition and being well looked after by the Secretary, W. Bro. Black. Good fellowship is an outstanding feature in Springfield Lodge. At this meeting it was my pleasure to present the W. M., Bro. Dr. Stewart, with a wrist watch donated by a few of the P. Ms. and officers of the lodge prior to his leaving to join the British Army Medical Corps; this lodge has a bright future.

On October the twenty-first. Oak Branch Lodge No. 261, Innerkip. I paid my official visit and installed the officers for the ensuing twelve months, assisted in the work by R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton and W. Bro. Montgomery and Heath. While this is one of the smaller lodges of the district, a bright set of officers were installed and three applications were read. The newly elected Master is a very bright young man and is taking great pride in getting his work perfect. The attendance was good the finances in a healthy condition. I was also accompanied by a number of P. Ms. of the Woodstock lodges.

Vittoria Lodge No. 359, Vittoria, Ont. November the nineteenth I paid my official visit. There being no degree work on the officers opened the lodge in the three degrees and closed in a very able manner. The roads were almost impassable and the night most disagreeable. Notwithstanding this there were about one-third of the total membership in attendance, eight of them being P. Ms. The books of the lodge were well taken care of by W. Bro. Pow and finances very satisfactory.

Fraternally submitted,

BERTRAND BLAIR, D.D.G.M.,

Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Wilson District No. 6, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confr'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last C. I. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
			Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.					M. M.	Regular	Emergent										Total				
101	Norfolk	Simcoe	157	4	10	11	7	1	5	1		1	11	9	20	33	75	00	27	164	17	Jan.	Good	Pine	Yes	800 00	
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	306	25	26	20	18	19	2	22	1	2	13	17	30	50	301	50	25	273	38	Dec.	Good	Excel't	Yes	1600 00	
43	K. g. Solomon	Woodstock	107	1	5	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	00	24	297	00	Dec.	Good	Excel't	Yes	1600 00	
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	252	11	12	11	10	8	3	3	1	1	1	6	19	35	100	00	24	297	00	Dec.	Good	Excel't	No	800 00	
76	Oxford	Woodstock	184	2	3	12	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	00	15	68	50	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	350 00	
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg	116	3	7	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	70	00	33	150	00	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
82	St. John's	Paris	112	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	212	10	24	260	00	June	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	89	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	574	00	27	635	82	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	16 00
106	Burford	Burford	65	13	8	8	1	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	110	515	27	374	00	June	Good	Good	Yes	650 00	
108	Blenheim	Princeton	155	13	5	5	6	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	110	414	25	30	00	Feb.	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
113	Wilson	Waterford	94	5	1	5	5	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	110	10	25	90	00	1	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
149	Erie	Port Dover	86	5	3	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	110	10	25	90	00	1	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	52	4	1	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	113	114	15	68	00	6	Good	Good	No	250 00	
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	52	4	1	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	113	114	15	68	00	6	Good	Good	No	250 00	
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	47	8	3	6	4	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	111	115	15	16	48	Jan.	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
193	Scotland	Scotland	88	9	9	7	6	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	112	315	31	5	16	00	Jan.	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	66	2	2	2	4	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	111	112	21	5	00	11	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	73	2	2	1	1	2	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	111	112	21	5	00	11	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
250	Thistle	Embro	66	2	1	1	1	2	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	112	113	15	45	00	3	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	49	5	1	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	114	21	60	00	12	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	39	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	317	20	60	00	36	Dec.	Good	A. 1	Yes	500 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	56	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	112	113	15	45	00	3	July	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00
																						1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of presenting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District No. 7 for the past Masonic year. I wish also to take this opportunity of expressing my most sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me to the high and honourable position of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the unvarying kindness and courtesy extended to me when visiting the different lodges. On assuming office I appointed W. Bro. W. A. Ross, of Fergus, as District Secretary, and to him I am indebted for the faithful performance of his many duties in that capacity, and for his assistance in helping me to untangle several knotty questions that arose. The Rev. L. J. R. Naftel, of Irvine Lodge, Elora, consented to act as District Chaplain and, though his duties have not been burdensome, I have to thank him for the interest he has taken in his part of the work. My acknowledgments are also due to the P.D.D.G.Ms. whom I consulted frequently, and to many P. Ms. who were always ready to discuss with me matters in connection with the welfare of the lodges.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that Wellington District is progressing and that the spirit of harmony is very evident.

Two cases of the improper use of the ballot caused me a great deal of anxiety and worry, but I am happy to say that, owing to the prudent skill of the W. Masters of the lodges in question, matters are now running smoothly, and there seems to be little chance of a recurrence of the unfortunate conditions.

I have visited each of the lodges officially, and altogether during the year have attended fifty-eight meetings.

Most of the lodges are in a prosperous condition, the membership is increasing—the new men being of fine quality—the books of the Secretaries are well kept and up-to-date, and, generally speaking, the work of the officers is of a high standard of excellence. On my visits I have tried to carry out the directions given me, and have endeavoured to instruct the brethren and not criticize the work in a carping way. On the floor of the lodge I have made it a practice to exemplify the points I wished emphasized, and have been particularly careful as to the proper wording of the penalties. I have paid special attention to the work of the so-called junior officers, and am glad to state that, whenever I had to make suggestions, the brethren seemed quite ready and anxious to carry out my intimations.

On November 5th letters were sent to the Secretaries of the lodges, drawing attention to a communication received from M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, in reference to re-constituting the different districts under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. Following this, a meeting was called for November 27th, at Fergus, and delegates from twenty of the lodges were present. After discussing the proposed changes, a very strong protest, so far as the changes were going to affect Wellington District, was sent to M. W. Bro. Malone. Nothing further was heard on the matter until about March 28th a circular letter from the Grand Secretary was received containing, among other notices of motion, one dealing with the revised scheme of re-distribution.

Lodge of Instruction.

On May 12th a Lodge of Instruction was held at Berlin under the auspices of Twin City Lodge, Berlin. Twenty lodges out of the twenty-two in the district were represented, and about two hundred and fifty brethren attended the meeting. R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Deputy Grand Master, was present at both the afternoon and evening sessions, and that fact added interest and dignity to the occasion. It was good to see so many P.D.

D.G.Ms. attending, R. W. Bros. Day, W. Cowan, J. H. Cowan, Jardine, Forsyth, Sheldon and Zie-man all turning up. Twin City 509 exemplified the first degree; Durham 306, the second; Guelph 258, the third; the work was splendidly done, and many words of well deserved praise were given by those present to the officers of the lodges. The ever present question of re-distribution was brought up and it was decided that any further action be left in the hands of the committee appointed at the Fergus meeting in November, 1915. The banquet which closed this enjoyable day, and at which the Deputy Grand Master gave a masterly address, was arranged and carried out in the most hospitable manner, and fully deserved the thanks of the district, which were enthusiastically given to the brethren of Twin City Lodge.

Official Visits.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 200, Mount Forest, September 17th, 1915. I began my visiting on the above date, choosing St. Alban's first because the W. M. had been, years ago, one of my assistants in the Fergus High School. The Mount Forest brethren have a fine lodge room; the attendance was good and the third degree was put on in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Galbraith and his officers. In this lodge, after a degree has been conferred, it is the custom of the W. M. to put, in open lodge, the examination questions of the next degree to the Wardens, who answer in turn. This is done, I am told, to show the candidate what is expected from him before being admitted to a higher degree.

Clifford Lodge No. 315, Clifford, September 20th, 1915. Motored from Fergus with W. Bro. R. F. Aitcheson, of Conestogo Lodge, Drayton, to whom I am indebted for much kindness in driving me to several meetings. Twenty members were present, and the second degree was conferred in a pleasing manner. The P. Ms. of this lodge are regular attendants and take a great interest in the

welfare of the brethren and of Freemasonry in general.

Galt Lodge No. 257, Galt, October 5th, 1915. By special invitation I was asked to visit Galt Lodge on October 5th, the regular P. Ms'. night of the lodge. There was a large attendance and the beautiful rooms were almost crowded. Several P.D.D.G.Ms. were present and the initiatory degree was conferred in splendid form on a candidate by the P. Ms. I was very glad to see the patriotic spirit shown by the members; two large flags stand in the East and at the closing of the lodge were carried to the altar by two P. Ms., the brethren gathered round, and "God Save the King" was sung. To me this seemed a very fitting ceremony, when we consider the large number of our brethren who have answered the call for active service and who have gone across the seas to fight for King and country.

Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr, October 11th, 1915. With several brethren from Mercer Lodge, Fergus, Ayr was visited on October 11th, and all agreed that the meeting was a delightful one. No regular candidate being on hand, the W. M. had one of the members act as candidate and the work of the first degree was exemplified. Ayr Lodge is to be congratulated on their cosy quarters and on the fine spirit of fraternity that is shown. A large number of brethren from Galt, Preston, Baden and Berlin were present and the after session was a very pleasant and lively one.

Durham Lodge No. 306, Durham, November 9th, 1915. Durham Lodge is the far north one in this district, and the train did not arrive until nine o'clock, but I found an auto waiting for me at the station and was in the rooms in a few minutes. The third degree was done by W. Bro. Hay and his officers in a very satisfactory manner; he took the whole work, including the invocations and the charge. In my opinion this is too great a strain on any one man, and I suggested that in future it would be advisable to split up the work.

Conestogo Lodge No. 295, Drayton, November 23rd, 1915. One of the best meetings I attended was at the above lodge, and, although no degree work was done, yet a profitable evening was spent. Forty members were present, among them being Bro. Burroughs, 83 years old, who walked three miles to take part in the proceedings. This year, following my request that expenses for entertainments should be limited, on account of the war, the ladies were not invited to the banquet. From an experience of several of these functions I know how pleasant they are, and I sympathize with the wives, sisters and sweethearts who did not have a share in the festivities this year.

Guelph Lodge No. 258, Guelph, December 14th, 1915. This lodge is very ably presided over by W. Bro. Wm. Lodge, and his officers assist him very materially in the work. On my official visit there was an attendance of about sixty. I was much impressed by the way the ballot was taken; there was a precision and dignity about the Deacons' work which spoke well for their careful training. It was a pleasure to notice that the candidate for initiation answered the questions put to him on entering the lodge of his own accord and did not need prompting. This is as it should be and shows well the type of candidate. The musical part of the ceremony was very fine, and it was inspiring to witness the way in which the ritualistic work was carried out.

Alma Lodge No. 172, Galt, December 28th, 1915. This being the regular P. Ms'. night the chairs were filled by Past Masters, who conferred the entered apprentice degree very acceptably, each officer doing his part impressively and with dignity. Alma is the oldest lodge in the district and has a large number of P. Ms. who take a very keen interest in the welfare of the lodge. By special request I paid a semi-official visit to this lodge on March 28th, 1916, and heard the regular officers Bro. J. P. Stewart being W. M., give the work of the third degree in a faultless manner. The Grand

Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. Mr. Snelgrove, was present and gave a very fine address.

Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora, January 21st, 1916. It has always been a pleasure to me to visit Irvine Lodge, for we Fergus people look on Elora as a sister town, and there exists the strongest feeling of friendship between the members of the two lodges. R. W. Bro. D. B. Millar is still the pillar of Irvine, and I think I am right in saying that his love for Masonry in general is shown by the fact that he probably visits more lodges in a year than any other Ontario Mason. W. Bro. Mighton with W. Bros. Mills and Robertson gave the work of the third degree in an efficient manner, being ably assisted by the Wardens and Deacons.

Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph, February 1st, 1916. Fifty members and brethren registered for this meeting and the second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Cotton in a way that left no loop hole for criticism. I wish to congratulate the officers of this lodge for the prompt and accurate way in which the opening and closing of the degrees is carried out. R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson is Secretary, and that is one of the secrets of Speed's prosperity.

Blair Lodge No. 314, Palmerston, February 11th, 1916. The proceedings in connection with my official visit began by a Past Masters' meeting at 3 p.m., when I met all the Blair P. Ms. and discussed with them for an hour matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Palmerston brethren. At the regular session two candidates were examined and passed to the second degree. W. Bro. White and his Wardens are doing capital work, and under their guidance I have no doubt but that Blair will prosper. The banquet was attended by over 100, more than half being ladies; a fine musical programme was a prominent part of the evening's entertainment.

New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeler, February 14th, 1916. It has been my privilege on my visits to meet many of the soldier-boys and New Hope

had for its candidate (second degree) a Galt Collegiate Institute teacher and soldier. I discussed with the W. M. and the Secretary the question of unpaid dues, and I trust that all dues in arrears will be forthcoming in a short time. The list of P. Ms. of this lodge is a very imposing one, four of the number being P.D.D.G.Ms. In every respect my visit to Hespeler was pleasant, my one regret being that R. W. Bro. John Jardine was, through illness, unable to be at the meeting.

Twin City Lodge No. 509, Berlin, February 25th, 1916. Following my custom of dropping in at meetings without announcement, I turned up at Berlin this evening. My welcome was most hearty, and after attending a session of the Board of General Purposes, it was suggested that I make my visit an official one. I agreed to do this, after the honeyed persuasion of W. Bro. W. Finnegan and R. W. Bro. Sheldon, P.D.D.G.M., of Erie District. We had a splendid meeting and a delightful programme of speeches, music and recitations. Twin City is fortunate in all its officers. The W. M. is a host in himself, and—but why dilate? Every brother in the district knows W. Bro. Finnegan.

Harriston Lodge No. 262, Harriston, March 13th, 1916. The meeting for this visit was called for 4 p.m., and as there was no connection at Palmers-ton from Fergus at noon, the caboose of a freight was put at my disposal, and I arrived, in company with several Blair brethren, in good time. About thirty were present, a first degree being put on by the local lodge and a second by Blair officers. The work was very satisfactory, the lecture in the two degrees being particularly good. In the evening a banquet, with a large number of ladies gracing the event, was held in the hotel, and the festivities were kept up until midnight.

Grand River Lodge No. 151, Berlin, March 14th, 1916. The night after the Harriston meeting I was at Grand River Lodge. The meeting began with the singing of the opening ode. I must congratulate W. Bro. Bilger and his assistants on the

business-like way in which the routine work was done. The second degree was conferred by W. Bros. Bilger, Dekleinhans, Kerr and Schiedel. The W. M. stopped in the O. B. and asked me to give the penalty, which I very gladly did. During the evening attention was drawn to the fact that there were in the room, including myself, twelve school teachers, R. W. Bro. D. Forsyth heading the list. The meeting was a splendid one and some excellent speeches were made and a fine musical programme given.

Preston Lodge No. 297, Preston, March 17th, 1916. The District Secretary, W. Bro. W. A. Ross, accompanied me on this visit and a large number of brethren from the surrounding lodges honoured me by coming to this meeting. I was delighted to have welcome me R. W. Bros. W. Cowan, J. H. Cowan, Zieman, Taylor and W. D. Hepburn. Preston is fortunate in having W. Bro. D. M. Johnston as Secretary. He reported to me that the lodge had over \$600.00 in the bank, and the outstanding dues were small. The work of the evening was capitally done by P. Ms. Mulligan, King and Weiberg; the W. M. was out of town. The lodge was presented by the P. Ms. with a volume of the sacred law and the Secretary received a P. M's. jewel from the brethren.

Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus, April 7th, 1916. My home lodge was visited on the above date, and had one of the largest meetings in its history. This was no doubt due to the fact that the summons was, in part, as follows: "R. W. Bros. W. Cowan, W. H. Day, D. B. Millar, T. Rafter and A. Taylor will be present and will confer the third degree on Bro. Captain J. B. Grieve, of the 153rd Battalion." This was splendidly done by the R. W. brethren and the members showed their appreciation by their many references to the excellent work. I may here state, to my regret, that this lodge cannot hope to do the work in a first-class way unless persistent practice is undertaken by the officers.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 334, Arthur, April 17, 1916. This lodge held their meeting to receive the D.D.G.M. by special dispensation. No work being in sight, I requested W. Bro. Gregg to open and close in the three degrees, and afterwards I gave a short talk about the well-being of the lodge. I trust that the future will look brighter for Prince Arthur.

Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin, April 24th, 1916. I wish I could speak more hopefully about the prospects of Wellington. There were only ten at the meeting and no work was done. The lodge has had several set-backs, and the outlook does not seem to be favourable. The members are widely scattered and it is difficult to have a good attendance. We had a long discussion afterwards as to the best ways and means of arousing interest.

Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville, April 25th, 1916. My Easter holidays being on at this time. I took advantage of this to visit in Wellington, Harris and Scott. Harris Lodge is one of the best in the district, and the officers are well up in the work. R. W. Bro. Irvine, the Treasurer, has a keen eye on everyone and everything, with the result that all are keyed up to do their best. The candidate for the second degree had, years ago, sat under me at the entrance examination and remarked that he was more nervous then than now. I have nothing but praise for the work of W. Bro. McLean and the lodge in general.

Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley, April 26th, 1916. The first degree at this meeting was conferred on a brother who offered to take the place of a regular candidate. The lodge is in fair financial condition and the brethren who attend take a keen interest in the work. Here, as in other places, I discussed matters with the P. Ms., and I trust that the recommendations made may bear fruit.

Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph, May 22nd, 1916. I was very greatly touched by the cordial reception given to me by the brethren of this lodge. There was a splendid attendance of about 130, and

the kindness shown me both in the lodge room and banquet hall made me feel that I was in very truth with brothers. The first degree with full musical accompaniment was exemplified by W. Bro. McArthur, assisted by R. W. Bro. Day and W. Bros. Hewitt, Strachan, Gummer and Buckingham, and it goes without saying that they did their parts in a manner deserving of the highest praise. Bro. Rigg, a soldier, was in glorious voice and sang a sacred song when the candidate had retired after the first part of the ceremony. At the banquet R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Tucker, of London, delivered a patriotic address which aroused the greatest enthusiasm.

Conclusion.

The clerical work of my office has been great, but it has given me unbounded pleasure to keep in touch with the brethren. The Secretaries have forwarded promptly their notices and returns, and have helped me in many ways. In this report, through a desire to keep within due bounds, I have made scant reference to the banquets that have been given in my honour, and to the splendid fraternal friendship that has been so plainly extended to me. Notwithstanding the feasting and late hours, I am still alive to tell the tale, and although at times I felt that my physical well-being was being tampered with, yet I would bob up serenely next morning in school, feeling very much at peace with myself and the world in general. For making this "the very best year in my life," I wish to thank the brethren from the bottom of my heart.

Fraternally submitted,

P. PERRY, D.D.G.M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

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			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Deceased	Regular			Emergent	Total											
72	Alma	Galt	191	2	6	4	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	28	5	18 00	Dec.	1915	F. C's's	Good	Yes	500 00	
151	Grand River	Berlin	213	2	6	9	11	1	3	3	3	5	11	5	16	41	25 00	3	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	2500 00	
172	Ayr	Ayr	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	1	14	45 00	3	Dec.	1915	Good	Bright	Yes	700 00	
180	Speed	Guelph	172	21	7	17	15	4	3	3	3	13	9	22	33	63 00	25	118 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	3500 00	
200	St. Albans'	Mt. Forest	87	6	6	7	6	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	19	20	34	126 85	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	600 00	
203	Irvine	Elora	94	3	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	11	11	11	11	20	34	126 85	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	600 00	
216	Harris	Orangeville	167	10	9	10	5	1	3	3	3	10	9	19	24	34	90 00	34	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	500 00	
237	Galt	Galt	211	4	7	6	5	2	2	4	4	3	10	9	19	24	34	90 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	500 00	
258	Guelph	Guelph	175	17	18	17	25	1	1	2	2	3	13	17	30	30	53 80	27	13 29	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	3500 00
262	Harriston	Harriston	101	3	5	4	5	1	2	8	2	2	11	2	13	20	27	13 29	50	Dec.	1915	Promisg	Yes	500 00
271	Wellington	Erin	58	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	10	1	11	10	29	157 00	Jan	1916	Unc'tn	Yes	400 00	
279	New Hope	Hesper	108	5	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	10	4	14	25	25	29	157 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	300 00	
295	Conestogo	Drayton	85	7	4	7	6	6	1	1	1	13	1	14	21	21	4	21 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	1000 00	
297	Preston	Preston	91	4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	6	2	8	30	10	56 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	300 00	
306	Durham	Durham	66	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	12	1	13	15	153	50	10 112	50	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	none
314	Blair	Palmerston	112	2	7	8	9	3	1	3	3	2	11	9	20	15	10	112 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	500 00	
315	Clifford	Clifford	61	2	1	2	4	3	1	1	1	12	2	14	20	20	8	30 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	Yes	
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	62	4	5	4	5	3	1	1	1	2	12	3	15	15	15	15 15	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	500 00	
347	Mercer	Fergus	93	9	5	4	3	3	1	3	7	10	5	15	20	10	00	3	51 00	Dec.	1915	Good	Yes	500 00
361	Waverley	Guelph	241	2	13	13	15	1	3	7	1	2	11	12	23	48	96	50	Dec.	1915	V. Good	Yes	3500 00	
421	Scott	Grand Valley	87	1	7	7	8	1	1	1	1	9	1	10	12	10	00	6	102 00	Dec.	1915	Fair	Yes	500 00
509	Twin City	Berlin	76	8	7	7	8	1	1	1	1	12	10	10	22	55	00	3	55 00	Dec.	1915	Fair	Yes	2500 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I take much pleasure in submitting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District No. 8, for Masonic year ending June 24th, 1916.

Throughout the district the year has been one of marked progress and prosperity, numerically and financially.

The men occupying official positions in their respective lodges are exceptionally bright, active and enthusiastic men and Masons, and the work done is in accord with the men.

While uniformity and ritualism is strictly observed, it is very apparent their ultimate aim has been to impress the fundamentals of Masonry, and that Masonry is not a ritual but a life.

This year has been an exceptional one in some respects, largely due to struggle and strain now going on throughout the British Empire. Only on one or two occasions have I visited a lodge in which there were not one or more of the brethren in khaki. On many occasions souvenirs were presented to those going to the front; many of those received degrees when doing so, evidently as preparation for high duty confronting them in this great world struggle; emphasizing the fact that the cause they were espousing on the field of battle is identical with fundamental principles of Masonry.

It is everywhere evident that the Masons of this district are not only thinking seriously, but actively living the serious problems of life, as in no time in the past, and more fully realizing their individual responsibility to above conditions; 405 brethren have enlisted for overseas service. I was gratified with the uniform harmony and frater-

nal feeling throughout the district; which is a good omen for the future.

The new lodges of the district deserve my hearty commendation.

The benevolent work of the year, while not up to last year (the banner year), but when we consider the numerous and urgent calls from all sources has been well sustained, in this district; about \$7,000 being paid out in relief, of which \$1,302.64 was paid to Red Cross Fund. The lodges which contributed to the latter fund were:

Strict Observance.	\$230 00	St. Andrews.....	\$ 38 85
Onondaga.....	20 00	Ozias.....	24 00
Reba.....	42 25	Credit.....	50 00
Dufferin.....	56 10	Burlington.....	80 00
Seymour.....	35 00	Doric No. 121....	175 00
Waterdown.....	68 75	St. George.....	43 00
Oakville.....	88 00	Anonymous.....	7 24
Brant.....	179 50	Harmony.....	150 00
Lynden.....	14 95		

The social and literary side of Masonry is strongly emphasized in some lodges, with evident advantage.

A very commendable work has been instituted by Barton Lodge, in the formation of "Overseas Correspondence Club," whose duty is to write and send comforts to men at the front, more especially those who are without relatives and friends. Truly this is an important Masonic duty, and one in which every brother in this district can participate.

The annual Lodge of Instruction for this district was held at Brantford on April 21st under the auspices of Doric Lodge, Brantford.

The first degree was exemplified by Lynden Lodge, the second degree by Burlington Lodge and third degree by Acacia Lodge.

In each degree the work was done in a most creditable manner, and I feel assured was a source of pleasure and profit to all the brethren present.

My thanks are extended to above lodges, to the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, to R. W. Bro. Jas. McGregor, P.D.D.G. M., and R. W. Bro. Woodside, Past Grand Chaplain, for so largely contributing to success of meeting.

I feel assured that the district Lodges of Instruction when the districts are rendered more compact, under the proposed redistribution, will be more largely attended, and will be not only an annual social reunion, but conduce more to efficiency and uniformity of the work than any other agency can accomplish.

I desire to most heartily thank the brethren of the district for the honour accorded me, in unanimously electing me to the position of District Deputy Grand Master for this district; and for uniform courtesy and kindly reception accorded me and my secretary, W. Bro. W. A. Robinson, in every lodge in the district, and sincerely hope some seed may be sown in good ground.

The year, though onerous, has been one of pleasure, not a little of it being due to my efficient and inspiring Secretary. Scarcely had I entered upon the duties of my office, when with great suddenness that silent monitor, death, removed two of my personal friends, R. W. Bro. George C. Holden and W. Bro. W. R. McCormack.

Both were ideal men and Masons: each exerted a broad and effective influence for good in their respective spheres of operation.

Though dead, yet they still live in hearts and memories of those they served so well.

The same might be said respecting the late W. Bro. Harry Clapsattle and others, whose demise was not reported to me and whose lives I did not know.

Fraternally submitted,

F. HANNA, D.D.G.M.,

Hamilton District No.8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Hamilton District No. 8, from June 24th, 1914, to June 24th, 1915.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Mem- bership	Degr's Confid		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance	
						E. A.	M. M.																
6	Barton	Hamilton	459	3	9	6	1	5	5	5	5	5	8	9	4	13	34	410	00	32	130	00	700 00
27	Strict Obs'vanc	Hamilton	444	4	12	11	11	3	5	10	10	10	5	10	6	16	65	759	20	46	122	50	Gen'l.
40	St. John's	Hamilton	539	6	25	20	20	5	2	10	10	10	11	12	6	18	80	300	00	100	400	00	Joint
45	Brant	Brantford	331	7	14	14	14	2	3	4	4	4	8	11	10	21	30	332	00	50	300	00	Yes
57	Harmony	Burlington	135	15	13	10	12	5	3	3	3	3	12	12	4	16	46	474	86	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes
61	Acacia	Hamilton	541	4	17	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	4	16	46	474	86	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	89	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	13	2	15	20	215	00	12	55	00	1500 00
100	Valley	Dundas	204	12	12	13	12	13	1	1	1	1	2	11	7	18	41	45	00	30	170	00	Yes
121	Doric	Brantford	493	12	12	9	7	1	6	18	18	18	8	11	8	19	67	114	376	57	216	00	Yes
135	St. Clair	Milton	190	2	9	7	6	1	2	7	7	7	2	11	4	15	21	105	00	4	78	00	Yes
165	Burlington	Burlington	144	1	7	6	7	1	2	4	4	4	13	13	2	15	21	105	00	4	78	00	Yes
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	149	13	11	11	12	1	1	1	1	1	12	13	3	15	32	163	00	21	101	50	Yes
219	Credit	Georgetown	105	8	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	23	228	00	14	49	00	Yes
243	St. George	St. George	81	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	16	43	00	22	107	50	Yes
272	Seymour	Ancaster	145	9	2	9	4	5	2	1	1	1	2	12	3	15	28	75	06	23	63	00	Yes
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	105	1	6	6	6	6	2	7	7	7	1	12	3	15	25	96	88	35	125	00	Yes
321	Walker	Action	81	2	4	4	4	1	2	2	2	2	10	3	13	13	162	00	29	81	00	Yes	
324	Temple	Hamilton	417	12	10	9	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	12	46	181	40	17	93	00	Yes
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	129	5	7	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	12	6	18	25	228	75	14	63	00	Yes	
382	Doric	Hamilton	408	4	15	12	18	7	1	4	9	9	6	12	2	14	50	609	80	82	285	63	Yes
400	Oakville	Oakville	167	10	11	11	11	4	1	1	1	1	2	11	8	19	39	190	46	9	42	00	Yes
475	Oakdurn	Hamilton	225	37	22	31	25	21	1	5	5	5	3	12	3	15	57	115	30	4	272	05	Yes
495	Electric	Hamilton	240	14	21	18	19	3	3	5	5	5	1	12	5	17	44	400	07	7	42	75	Yes
505	Lynden	Lynden	60	13	13	13	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	21	65	00	2	2	00	Yes
508	Ozias	Brantford	49	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	21	65	00	2	2	00	Yes
513	Corinthian	Hamilton	141	42	37	31	28	10	10	2	2	2	2	12	8	20	43	84	00	5	37	00	Yes
515	Reba	Brantford	78	9	8	7	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	1	11	28	72	25	4	83	70	Yes
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	45	5	3	3	7	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	15	75	00	2	9	00	Yes

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my official report of the condition of Masonry in Georgian District No. 9, I take this opportunity of recording my sincere appreciation of the honour bestowed upon me by the brethren of the district in electing me to such a high office.

I have found the work a great pleasure, and the many friendships formed while on my visits to the various lodges will long be treasured.

My first official act was appointing W. Bro. J. C. Miller, of Orillia, as District Secretary.

In all my official visits I have endeavoured to impress on the officers and members of the various lodges the importance, not only of rendering the work in a perfect manner, but of living as closely as possible to the tenets and principles of our beloved order, and I trust that remarks in this respect may have had good effect.

During my term of office I have visited each lodge officially, in addition to other visits made to several lodges on special occasions. On each occasion, with one exception, one degree or more was conferred. One point of interest and importance is the splendid class of men who are devoting their time and energy to the work in the various lodges as officers. Freemasonry in this district is in a most healthy condition and an ideal fraternal spirit prevails. The standard of work done is equal, I think, to that done in any other district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Official Visits.

Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie. Visited this lodge February 3rd. W. Bro. Lewis and his offi-

cers conferred a first degree in a very able manner. There was a good attendance at this meeting, which was enhanced by the presence of R. W. Bros. Sprott, Grant and Monkman. This lodge now meets in its new lodge room, which is owned jointly by the various Masonic bodies in town. The lodge is to be congratulated on the beauty and comfort of its room.

Beaver Lodge No. 234, Clarksburg. I visited this lodge on February 15th and installed the officers for the present year. I was warmly welcomed and spent a very enjoyable evening with such zealous Masons as R. W. Bros. Kent and Pye, to whom much is due for the splendid success of Beaver Lodge. The W. M. W. Bro. Smith and his officers are men of ability who will uphold the standard of Masonry in Clarksburg.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 137, Meaford. On March 7th I visited this lodge and saw the E. A. degree conferred on a military officer. It is of interest that the father of the candidate is a member of this lodge and was present. The work of the W. M., W. Bro. Hair and his officers was of a high standard and left no room for criticism. R. W. Bros. Rutherford and Menzies, of Owen Sound, graced the occasion with their presence. Pythagoras Lodge has a bright future before it.

Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland. Visited this lodge March 13th. The W. M., W. Bro. Rodger, is fully alive to the duties of his office and is ably assisted by an excellent staff of officers. A F. C. degree was conferred in an able manner. I had the honour of presenting the retiring Master W. Bro. Coon, with a P. Ms. jewel. I look forward with confidence to the future of Caledonian Lodge.

Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on March 14th, and saw the M. M. degree exemplified in a masterly manner by W. Bro. George Hunter, W.M., and his efficient staff of officers, assisted by several P. Ms. Among the noteworthy brethren present were R.

W. Bros. A. D. Knight and G. M. Aylesworth. R. W. Bro. Aylesworth has an excellent lecture on Masonry which has been much appreciated by the various lodges where he has given it. A true Masonic spirit prevails in Manito Lodge.

Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. On March 28th I visited this lodge. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. R. W. Bros. Monkman, Sprott and Smith being particularly worthy of mention. Two E. A. degrees were conferred, W. Bro. Stone, W.M., exemplifying the first and W. Bro. Stewart, I.P.M., the second. They were ably assisted by a staff of officers who are upholding the standard of excellence always to be seen in Kerr Lodge. Their new lodge room leaves nothing to be desired in the way of beauty and comfort.

Georgian Lodge No. 348, Penetanguishene. I visited this lodge on April 6th and received a hearty welcome. A F. C. degree was exemplified by the W.M., W. Bro. McGuire and his officers in a most impressive manner. This is the home lodge of P.D.D.G.Ms. R. W. Bro. Martin and V. W. Bro. Keefe, both enthusiastic Masons. These brethren made a distinct contribution to the pleasure of my visit.

Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on April 7th. The F. C. degree conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. Fraser, and his efficient staff of officers was excellent. This lodge takes great pride in doing good work and W. Bro. Fraser and his officers deserve great praise for their work.

Simcoe Lodge No. 79, Bradford. I visited this lodge on April 11th. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and under the guiding hand of W. Bro. J. W. Coombs, W.M., is again doing splendid work. He is being assisted by an able and enthusiastic and loyal class of officers and the lodge is again enjoying a marked degree of prosperity. A F. C. degree was exemplified in an impressive manner.

Victoria Lodge No. 470, Victoria Harbor. Visited this lodge on April 12th. W. Bro. Jones,

W.M., assisted by W. Bros. Byron, Brown and Neeley and his officers, conferred an E. A. degree in a most creditable manner. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and doing good work.

Karnack Lodge No. 492, Coldwater. I visited this lodge on April 13th. The W.M., W. Bro. Scott, and his officers put on a third degree in a manner that upheld the dignity and high standing this lodge holds in the district. The W. M. proved himself well skilled by conferring his part without assistance.

Northern Light Lodge No. 266, Stayner. Visited this lodge on April 18th and saw an E. A. degree conferred by W. Bro. J. K. Campbell, W.M., and his officers in such an impressive manner as to leave no room for criticism. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Bethune, has everything in connection with lodge affairs well in hand, and gives all matters pertaining to Northern Light Lodge his very best attention.

Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia. This being my mother lodge, I have had ample opportunity of seeing the regular officers do their work during the year, and always in a creditable manner. I paid my official visit on May 5th, and received a very cordial reception. The W. M., W. Bro. Waite, is ably supported by a long list of P. Ms. who are always ready and willing to assist in the work. On this occasion an E. A. degree was exemplified in an efficient manner, the work of the Master being taken by several P. Ms. At the conclusion of the evening's work, I was made the recipient of a beautiful set of D.D.G.M's. regalia. The presentation was made by W. Bro. Alport.

Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud. Visited this lodge on May 16th, accompanied by a number of brethren from Barrie and Orillia. No candidate being present the officers exemplified the E. A. degree on a substitute. The work of W. Bro. Latimer, W.M., and his officers was very creditable. A banquet served in the lecture room of the Meth-

odist Church brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

I have refrained from mentioning individual names as much as possible, because there are so many brethren in the district who deserve mention that it is impossible to speak of them all.

In conclusion, permit me to say that during my term of office, and on the occasion of my official visits, the reception accorded me has been most fraternal and hospitable, and I wish to warmly express my thanks and appreciation of the same. Any shortcomings on my part I trust may be forgiven. For my successor I bespeak the same cordial assistance as was extended to me, and trust that Masonry in Georgian District may continue to prosper in the future as it has done in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. TUDHOPE, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Georgian District No. 9, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations			Resignations			Suspensions, N. P. D.			Suspensions, other causes			Deceased			Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members			Amount paid for relief			Total of all arrearages			Date of last G. L. Return			Financial standing			Prospects of Lodge			Can W. M. work all degrees?			Insurance												
			Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50			
79	Simcoe	Bradford	84	3	1	6	6	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
90	Manito	Collingwood	215	10	12	8	7	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
96	Corinthian	Barrie	218	6	12	8	7	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	123	4	17	5	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
192	Orillia	Orillia	280	21	16	17	18	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
230	Kerr	Barrie	184	5	10	9	13	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	84	2	7	3	10	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
249	Caledonian	Midland	201	7	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
266	Northern Light	Stayner	44	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
304	Minerva	Stroud	91	3	9	11	10	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	100	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
466	Coronation	Elmvale	74	3	3	1	5	7	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
470	Victoria	Victoria Harbor	132	15	3	12	15	7	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
492	Karnak	Coldwater	69	4	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9a.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have very great pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry and work in the Georgian District No. 9a. I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honour and distinction bestowed upon me in electing me to this high and important office, and for the many courtesies received at their hands. I have endeavoured to discharge my duties with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren and of the responsibility of the office. My task has been made easy and pleasant by the uniform kindness and hearty co-operation extended me throughout the district.

I am glad to report harmony and progress throughout the whole district. I have not been called on to settle any differences during my term of office. The work witnessed in the different lodges was of a uniform and general high order, the penalties, however, are not satisfactory. I think probably the reason is in most cases on account of some of the older Past Masters insisting on them being given in the way they received them. This I would like to see settled, as in most cases each D.D.G.M. has them different. Being desirous of having them perfect, together with many other points in the work, I secured an appointment privately with M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, who is well skilled, and kindly imparted the information sought.

I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to stimulate the desire to render the work perfect and in as impressive a manner as possible, so as to bring out the full beauty and solemnity of the ceremonies.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. W. J. Bellamy, a P. M. of Prince Arthur

Lodge, Flesherton, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. Ardell, of St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, District Chaplain.

My first official visit was to attend a Lodge of Instruction on March 15th, 1916. St. George's Lodge No. 88 and North Star Lodge No. 322, kindly consented to have it held in Owen Sound, and jointly received me on my official visit.

Arrangements had been made for St. George's No. 88 to work first degree, Hiram Lodge No. 490 Markdale, to work second degree and North Star No. 322 the third degree.

Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m.

W. Bro. John D. Campbell, W.M., and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable and impressive manner, almost word perfect. I never heard the Junior Warden's lecture given better and the junior officers did their work well. Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale, could not be present to work second degree, W. Bro. Creeper, W.M. North Star Lodge, therefore took the East and jointly with St. George's Lodge exemplified the second degree in a faultless manner, leaving no room for adverse criticism.

On resuming labor at 8 p.m., W. Bro. E. J. Creeper, W.M. of North Star Lodge No. 322 and his officers, exemplified the third degree almost word perfect. The work was impressively done throughout, the Deacons and Inner Guard discharging their duties well. I was pleased with the work of the three degrees. Owen Sound is certainly the mother of Masonry in Georgian District No. 9a, with its large staff of P.D.D.G.Ms. and P. Ms., who take a live interest in the work, making it much easier for the officers of the lodges in the discharge of their duties.

In the banquet hall an excellent spread was laid and a good programme was rendered. There was a large turnout and the striking feature of the evening was so many of the brethren in the King's uniform.

Tottenham Lodge No. 467. I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 20th, 1916. The W. M., W. Bro. C. M. McCabe, and his officers exemplified the first degree. The W. M., while not just word perfect, has a good delivery and gave his work very impressively. Senior Warden, work good; Junior Warden gave his lecture excellently; Junior and Senior Deacons and Inner Guard very good. The work of opening and closing in the three degrees well done. The Secretary's books are well kept. This lodge seems to be working very harmoniously.

Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown. I visited this lodge on March 21st, 1916. W. Bro. J. J. L. Banting and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. W. Bro. Banting has a good delivery and puts his work on well. W. Bro. McGowan, Sr., was in the Junior Warden's chair and gave the Junior Warden's lecture in a most perfect and impressive manner. Senior Warden gave his work well. The Deacons and Inner Guard did their work also without fault. W. Bro. McGowan is the father of this lodge and a very enthusiastic Mason. I spent a very pleasant afternoon with R. W. Bro. T. McKnight, I.P.D.D.G.M. of No. 9a, who is held in very high esteem by his lodge. There was no room for adverse criticism on my visit to Manitoba Lodge. They have framed in their lodge room an Honour Roll of some eight brethren who have donned the King's uniform.

Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston. I visited this lodge on March 22nd, 1916. W. Bro. W. J. Hill and his officers worked the third degree in a faultless manner. The opening and closing in the three degrees was faultless. The Secretary's books were No. 1. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Spry Lodge No. 385, Beeton. I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 23rd, 1916. The first degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. B. C. Hencham and his officers, the first time after their election. The work was done in a creditable

manner. The W. M. gives his work in a very mild and impressive manner. The Junior Warden gave the lecture beyond criticism. The East will not suffer when Senior Warden Bro. Strangways passes on. Deacons and Inner Guard performed their work well. Secretary's books well kept. The East was fairly well filled by a Past Master. A very pleasant evening was spent on my visit to this lodge.

Nitetis Lodge No. 444, Creemore. I visited this lodge on March 24th, 1916. There was a very good attendance considering bad roads. W. Bro. J. L. Marshall, W.M., and his officers worked the second degree creditably. The W. M., though a little nervous, gave the work impressively. Senior Warden gave his lecture well. Junior Warden had his work well in hand and Deacons and Inner Guard did their work creditably. The work of opening and closing in the three degrees was well done. The Secretary's books are well kept. W. Bro. Hood, P.M., and father of Masonry in Creemore, acted as toastmaster and an enjoyable evening was spent. Masonry is not dead in Creemore.

Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shelburne. I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 7th, 1916. W. Bro. H. S. Patterson and his officers worked the second degree in a very creditable manner. The W. M. was a little nervous at first, but gave the work very impressively. Senior Warden gave the lecture well. Junior Warden Deacons and Inner Guard had their parts well in hand. The opening and closing in the three degrees was without fault. Found the Secretary's books in No. 1 shape. This lodge has a good staff of P. Ms., who appear to take a great interest in the work.

Dundalk Lodge No. 449, Dundalk. On my official visit to this lodge on May 5th, 1916, W. Bro. W. A. Wilson, W.M., exemplified the third degree almost word perfect. Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons and Inner Guard did their work creditably also. W. Bro. James Clary, P.M., and W. Bro. A. E. Colgan seem to take a lively interest in the work. The opening and clos-

ing in the three degrees was excellent. W. Bro. Colgan is a very efficient Secretary. Future prosperity for this lodge seems bright.

Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale. My official visit to this lodge was made on April 18th, 1916. The work of the evening was conferring the second degree by W. Bro. C. R. King, W.M., and his officers, which was done in a very creditable manner. W. Bro. King has a good delivery and gives his work very impressively. Senior Warden, Bro. J. Caesar, gave the lecture well. Junior Warden, Bro. H. C. Duff, gave his lecture almost word perfect. The opening and closing in the three degrees was well done. The Deacons and Inner Guard performed their parts well, leaving very little room for adverse criticism. Found Secretary's books well kept.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton. My visit officially to this lodge was made on May 19th, 1916. This being my mother lodge I was very kindly assisted by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wright and R. W. Bro. D. Rutherford, of Owen Sound, whose presence was an inspiration to all and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. John Wright, W. M., and his excellent staff. R. W. Bro. Rutherford congratulated the officers on the correct and impressive manner in which they put on the work. Special mention was made of Senior Warden Bro. T. Clayton, in giving the lecture, and also of Bro. T. Henry for his splendid delivery of the charge. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, for which much credit is due the acting Secretary, W. Bro. Joseph Blackburn, who must again be congratulated on having the best kept books in the district. The lodge has an honour roll of nine members in khaki, one being a minister of the gospel.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. A. BLAKELY, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District No. 9a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Georgian District No. 9a, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Restorations		Resignations		Suspensions, other causes		Deceased		Meet's held		Aver. atten'ce of members		Amount paid for relief		No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'ts		Total of all arrearages		Date of last G. L. Return		Financial standing		Prospects of Lodge		Can W. M. work all degrees?		Insurance	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Regular	Emergent	Total	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts	Arts
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	201	3		8	11	12	2					6	13	6	19	27	65	00	25	195	00	Jan.	7	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600	00				
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	82	3		1	7	7		1				12	2	21	23		11	00	16	140	00	Dec.	27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	300	00				
285	Seven Star	Aliston	86	9	4	8	8	5	1					12	7	19	16		11	00	16	140	00	Feb.	15	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	200	00				
322	North Star	Owen Sound	192	10	8	8	7	10	1	1	2	4		2	15	4	19	20		111	00	25	100	ap	Feb.	15	1916	Good	Good	Yes	200	00			
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	76	6	2	6	6	5		1				1	12	3	15	19		65	00	8	87	00	Dec.	27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	250	00			
377	Lorne	Shelburne	86	5		7	3	3						2	11	5	16	8				11	58	00	Dec.	27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	300	00			
385	Spry	Beeton	71		6	7	3	3						2	13	3	16	20				16	52	00	Jan.	6	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300	00			
444	Nitetic	Cresmore	80	7		7	6	3		2				1	11	4	15	20				26	255	00	July	6	1915	V good	Aver'g	Yes	300	00			
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	58	3		3	2	3						11	2	13	14				125	00	June	26	1915	Good	Good	Yes	300	00					
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	58	3		3	3	2		2				11	3	14	13										Good	Good	Yes	125	00				
490	Hiram	Markdale	39	4		5					1			1	10	2	12	15			3	40	00	Dec.		1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00				

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit herewith for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in Niagara District No. 10 for the past Masonic year. In so doing I desire first to express my sincere appreciation to the brethren for the very great honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the high and honourable office of District Deputy Grand Master. I also on behalf of my mother lodge take this opportunity of expressing to the brethren of Niagara District its thanks for the honour conferred upon it by selecting one of its members as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master in this district. I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to discharge my duties faithfully, fully realizing the great confidence placed in me by the brethren and also the great responsibility of the office.

I have visited every lodge in the district and found Masonry to be in a very prosperous condition. The work is fairly uniform throughout the district. The Worshipful Masters and officers take great pride in endeavouring to perform their work in as perfect a manner as possible. The Secretaries with few exceptions are all very pains-taking brethren. Here I might state that a few of the Secretaries are very negligent in sending to the D.D.G.M a copy of all summonses to meetings, deaths of members and other important matters which is their duty to know.

In mostly all the lodges the dues are well paid up; a few of the lodges have a few brethren who are very neglectful in allowing their dues to remain unpaid.

Dedications.

On November 25th, 1915, I had the pleasure of assisting R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Deputy

Grand Master, in dedicating the lodge rooms of Clifton Lodge No. 254, of Niagara Falls. He was also assisted by R. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Bro. R. W. Clewlo, Grand Junior Warden; V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedler, Acting Grand Secretary, and several P.Ms. The attendance was very large, numbering about four hundred, including a number of brethren from Niagara Falls, N.Y.; also from lodges in the vicinity of Niagara Falls. The occasion was one which will live in the minds of those present for an indefinite time. This lodge is to be congratulated on its beautiful rooms which I can safely say are the finest in Niagara District.

On March the 16th I had the honour, by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, of dedicating the lodge rooms of Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville. Here I was most ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross, P.D.D.G.M. of Wilson District, who acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. A. Renshaw, of Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York, as D.G.M.; W. Bro. D. A. Hill, of Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Acting Grand Junior Warden; W. Bro. C. J. Cunningham, of Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Acting Grand Senior Warden, and several other P. Ms. The ceremony of dedicating being held in the afternoon, the attendance was not as large as might have been if held in the evening. However, the ceremony was carried through in a most impressive manner. This lodge has a very convenient set of rooms to carry on the work.

On March 23rd I had the honour, by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, of dedicating the lodge rooms of Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville. In this pleasant duty I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Thos. Marshall, Grand Registrar, and several P. Ms. The attendance was large, including visiting brethren from Hagersville, Wellandport, Smithville and Port Colborne. This lodge has now very convenient quarters and has a very bright future before it.

Institution.

On April 13th, 1916, I had the pleasure of instituting a lodge U.D., at Fonthill. About thirty members, including a number of brethren from my mother lodge, met in the new lodge rooms in the Pitkin Block to receive from me the dispensation granted to the brethren of Fonthill by the M. W. the Grand Master to meet as a lodge. In this ceremony I was most ably assisted by the officers of Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson, at the conclusion of which I gave the brethren several instructions which were listened to with rapt attention. This lodge, which is known as Phoenix Lodge, has a very prosperous and bright future. It has a membership of forty-four to begin with, including a number of P. Ms. The officers selected are as follows:—W.M., W. Bro. B. A. Pattison; S.W., Bro. Wm. Armitage; J.W., Bro. J. T. Romp; D. of C., W. Bro. Frank Clark; Secretary, Bro. Richard Brush, Jr.; Treasurer, W. Bro. A. B. Damude; Chaplain, Bro. W. E. Stafford; S.D., Bro. E. W. Farr; J.D., Bro. H. E. Hill; S.S. Bro. N. C. Diffin; J.S., Bro. W. E. Coon; I.G., Bro. Chas. Fesber; Tyler, Bro. Wm. Prosser.

Fraternal Dead.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year:

R. W. Bro. Dr. Robert McDonald, P.D.D.G. M., of Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, August 13th, 1915; R. W. Bro. Jas. E. Merriman, P.D.D. G.M., Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines, November 2nd, 1915; Bro. Jacob Ryan, Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland; Bro. Jas. Montgomery, St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls South, August 3rd; Bro. W. A. Morningstar, St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls South, July 31st, 1915; W. Bro. Frederick Levy, Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson; R. W. Bro. T. L. M. Tipton, P.D.D.G.M., Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville; Bro. Wilfred V. Bowen, Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls; Bro. Alex. S. Macfarlane, Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines; Bro. Harry A. Bush, Dufferin

Lodge No. 338, Wellandport; Bro. Wilkins, Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson and Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg.

As there have been several other brethren who have died in this district which I have not been notified of the Secretaries have been very negligent in their duties.

Official Visits.

My first official visit was made on December 15th, 1915, to Niagara Lodge No. 2, Niagara, where I was given a very hearty reception. The candidate being a military officer failed to put in an appearance so the work for the evening, which was to be a first degree, was not put on. The W. M., F. J. McClelland and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, which was faultlessly done. From the amount of work done throughout the year this lodge is in a very prosperous condition. The Secretary has his books in a very excellent shape and has his dues well collected.

Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville. I paid my official visit to this lodge on December 20th, 1915. The attendance was fair. W. Bro. Davis and officers were all present. Having no degree work the officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very fair manner. The Secretary has his books well kept and dues well paid up, and the outlook for the prosperity of Coronation Lodge is excellent.

Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport. I visited this lodge on December 21st, 1915. Owing to so many other attractions, which are so common at this season of the year, the attendance was small, only a few of the regular officers being present. W. Bro. Frallick and his officers, assisted by P. Ms., exemplified the Fellow Craft degree in a very fair manner. This lodge has a number of P. Ms. who should take more of an active part in the work as they need a great amount of practice before they will be able to do justice to the work. The Secretary's books are well kept and dues well in.

Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg, I visited on January 4th, 1916. The attendance was fair. W. Bro. W. C. Gait and his officers initiated two candidates which was done in a very fair manner, considering my visit being only a few nights after installation. This lodge has a bright future before it. The books are well kept and dues well paid up.

King Edward VII. Lodge No. 471, Chippawa. I visited this lodge on January 5th, 1916. The weather being very unfavorable the attendance was not very large. W. Bro. Montgomery and officers assisted by P. Ms., conferred the first degree in a most excellent manner. This being the first regular meeting after installation the officers are to be congratulated on the manner they performed their duties. This lodge has a great many P. Ms., including R. W. Bro. G. H. Brown, P.D. D.G.M., who all take a great interest in the lodge, which the work plainly shows. The Secretary has his books in an excellent shape and has very few outstanding dues. The prospects for Masonry in King Edward VII. Lodge are extremely bright.

Copetstone Lodge No. 373, Welland I made my official visit to this lodge on January 6th, 1916. The attendance was very large, including a number of visitors. W. Bro. Watt and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner, the officers having their work up perfectly. Especial praise is due to the Junior Warden for the manner in which he delivered the lecture from the South. The Secretary has his books in fair shape and informed me had little trouble in collecting his dues.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines. I made my official visit to Maple Leaf Lodge on January 27th, 1916, and was greeted by a very large attendance, including a number of visitors. W. Bro. Stobie, assisted by several P. Ms., and his officers, conferred the first degree on two candidates the work being done in a most perfect manner. This lodge is favoured by several good singers, who render very efficient service throughout the work in the musical part of the ceremony. One of the

which I esteem a great pleasure in performing, was the giving the obligation of the first degree to the son of our highly esteemed brother the late R. W. Bro. Jas. E. Merriman. It was also my pleasant duty to present to W. Bro. Hare, I.P.M., on behalf of the brethren of Maple Leaf Lodge, a P. M's. jewel. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Johnston, has his books in first class order. This lodge has several members several years in arrears for dues who are well able to pay and I advised the Secretary to take measures to suspend those who would not pay.

St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls South. I visited this lodge on February 8th. W. Bro. Trelford presided; all the officers were present. A large number of brethren were present also a number of visiting brethren from neighbouring lodges. Coupled with my visit to St. Mark's Lodge was a fraternal visit of thirty-nine brethren of Lackawanna Lodge, of Buffalo, N.Y. Accompanying the brethren were R. W. Bro. Flannigan, Grand D. of C. of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; W. Bro. Hogan, I.P.M., and a former member of St. Mark's Lodge and W. Bro. Robinson. The work of the evening was an exemplification of the first degree, which was done in a very excellent manner. The charge from the book of constitution, which was delivered by W. Bro. Braund, was given in a very sincere and impressive manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. C. J. Didemus, who is a very efficient one, has his books in an excellent shape and dues fairly paid up. The prospects of St. Mark's Lodge are extremely bright.

Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland. I made my official visit to Merritt Lodge on February 14th. The brethren present numbered nearly one hundred, including a number of visiting brethren from Copestone Lodge, Dufferin Lodge and Myrtle Lodge. W. Bro. Britton, assisted by W. Bro. Geo. Cook and other regular officers, conferred the E. A. degree upon two candidates. The manner in which

cellent and impressive manner in which he delivered his lecture from the south. The Secretary has his books well kept, the dues were well paid up and the prospects of Merritt Lodge are very bright.

Ivy Lodge No. 115, Beamsville. I visited this lodge on February 15th, 1916. The attendance was small, owing to a Farmers' Institute meeting being held in the Hall below. The W. Master, W. Bro. Vidal and his officers exemplified the F. C. degree in a very efficient manner. The prospects for Masonry in Ivy Lodge are exceedingly bright. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Fairbrother, keeps his books in an excellent shape and has very little trouble collecting the dues.

Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie. I made my official visit to this lodge on February 16th, 1916, where I received a very hearty reception by a large number of brethren. W. Bro. Johnston, assisted by several P. Ms. and the regular officers, conferred the second degree on Bro. Briggs, who had his work up very creditably. The officers conferred the degree in a very fair manner. The Secretary has his books in perfect order with very little dues outstanding. The prospects for the future of Seymour Lodge are very bright.

Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby. I made my official visit to Union Lodge on February 17th, 1916, being introduced by R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope. There was a very large attendance. W. Bro. Wismer and all his officers were present excepting the Junior Warden, whose place was ably filled by W. Bros. McConachie and Phipps. The F. C. degree was conferred on two candidates, the work being done in a very fair manner. A pleasant feature of the evening was the manner in which W. Bro. Millward presented the working tools to the candidates; also the very impressive manner in which he delivered the charge from the book of constitution. W. Bro. Millward is one of the oldest members in Union Lodge, yet still has a very clear memory and able to instruct many of the younger

brethren. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition with few dues outstanding.

St. George's Lodge No. 15, St. Catharines. I made my official visit to this lodge on February 29th, 1916. The attendance was fair. W. Bro. Wilson and officers conferred the second degree in a very excellent manner. This lodge has several P. Ms. who take a very active part in the work. This lodge has a very bright future. The Secretary has his books in a very excellent shape and dues well collected.

Mountain Lodge No. 221, Thorold. I made my official visit to Mountain Lodge on March 1st, 1916. Here I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Hoover and received a very hearty welcome. The attendance was very large. A number of visiting brethren were present from St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Port Robinson. The work for the evening was the exemplification of the Master Mason degree. W. Bro. Mable, assisted by R. W. Bro. Hoover, W. Bro. Ward and W. Bro. Gibson and officers, conferred the degree in a manner which left no room for criticism. This lodge has an excellent number of P. Ms., who attend the meetings regularly, and who take a great interest in the work. The Secretary has his books in excellent shape and dues well paid up. The outlook for Masonry in Mountain Lodge is excellent.

Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls. I made my official visit to this lodge on March 2nd, 1916. where I was greeted by a very large number of the brethren, including several visiting brethren from Niagara Falls, N.Y., Niagara Falls South, Thorold, and Chippawa. W. Bro. Byers and officers conferred the first degree in a very fair manner. The members of Clifton Lodge may justly feel proud of their lodge rooms. They are located in the Odd Fellows' Temple and are a credit to the craft. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. S. D. Warren, is a very capable and efficient one. The finances are in splendid shape and I feel sure Clifton Lodge will always give a good account of itself.

Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York. I visited this lodge on March 13th, 1916. The attendance was very good, a number of the brethren from Binbrook and Cayuga were present. As the W. Master had not the work up for the Master Mason degree, the chair was ably filled by W. Bro. Brown, who, with the assistance of other officers, exemplified the third degree in a very creditable manner. As this lodge has such a small territory to draw from it has not much work to do. The Secretary has his books well kept and dues well collected.

Macnab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne. I made my official visit to this lodge on March 14th, 1916. As the weather was very stormy the attendance was very small. This lodge has a very large number of P. Ms. who nearly all were absent. The W. M., W. Bro. Preston, being ill, his chair was filled by W. Bro. Smith; I. P. M. The work for the evening was an initiation, which was done in a fair manner. The floor work was especially well done. For the past year there has been a little strife in this lodge which, no doubt, has kept the attendance down, but I am pleased to be able to report that the friction between the brethren is practically settled. The Secretary has his books in excellent shape, with only a few members in arrears for dues.

Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville. I made my official visit to Hiram Lodge on March 16th, 1916. The attendance was very good, considering the extremely cold weather. R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District, and several members of Wilson Lodge, Waterford, were present. The work for the evening was the passing of two brethren. W. Bro. Van Loon, assisted by his officers, conferred the degrees in a very fair manner. This lodge has moved into new quarters, which I had the pleasure of dedicating in the afternoon of the 16th of March, a report of which is found under "Dedications." From the amount of work this lodge has to do the prospects look very bright. The Secretary has his books in good shape, with the dues well paid up.

King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis. I visited this lodge on March 17th, 1916. Owing to the extremely cold weather the attendance was very small. W. Bro. Ivy presided. As there was no degree work for the evening, the officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner which could be improved upon. The prospects are very favourable for King Solomon Lodge, as two applications were acted upon that evening. This lodge has among its members two P.D.D.G.Ms. who give most able assistance to the officers. The financial standing of the lodge is good and the Secretary's work well taken care of by R. W. Bro. Noble.

Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson. I made my official visit to this, my mother lodge, on March 21st. Having had other opportunities of seeing the officers of this lodge work the different degrees, I made my visit at an emergent meeting. Having no work W. Bro. Reaveley and officers opened and closed in the three degrees, which was faultlessly done. There was a large attendance of the brethren present, including several visiting brethren from Midland, Welland and Pittsburg, Pa. I also visited this lodge at the regular meeting in April and witnessed the officers confer the second degree. The W. M. being absent, W. Bro. Damude, I.P.M., filled the chair in a most able manner. Especial credit is due the J. W. for the very excellent manner in which he delivered his lecture. The Secretary, who takes great pride in his office, keeps his books in a manner above criticism. He has the dues nearly all collected and the prospects for Myrtle Lodge are excellent.

Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville. I made my official visit to Amity Lodge on March 22nd, 1916. W. Bro. Parkes and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very excellent manner. I also had the pleasure at this meeting of dedicating the new lodge rooms, the report of which will be found under the head of "Dedications." The attendance at this meeting was very large, as Amity Lodge has a large number of very enthusiastic brethren who take great interest in the lodge affairs. The Sec-

retary has his books in excellent shape and the prospects for Amity Lodge are excellent.

St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga. I made my official visit to this lodge on March 24th, 1916. The attendance was very large, including several visiting brethren from Enniskillen Lodge, York. W. Bro. Anthony and officers, assisted by P. Ms., conferred the first degree in a very fair manner. W. Bro. Sheppard, who is the Secretary, is a very efficient one, who has his books and accounts in first-class order. This lodge has very little dues outstanding and is in a very fair way financially.

Temple Lodge No. 296, St. Catharines. I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 29th, 1916, where I was received by a large attendance of brethren. The work for the evening was an exemplification of the F. C. degree. W. Bro. Madill, assisted by P. Ms. and officers, conferred the degree in a fair manner. A special feature of the evening, as well as a very pleasant one to me, was the presentation of a P. M's. jewel to W. Bro. McLean, I.P.M., and W. Bro. Dwyer. The Secretary's books are well kept and dues well paid up, and the prospects for Temple Lodge are excellent.

Phoenix Lodge U.D., Fonthill. I regret very much that owing to a very unfortunate railway accident at Port Colborne, I was unable to get to Fonthill to visit Phoenix Lodge for the regular meeting on June 19th, 1916. I have been informed by W. Bro. Pattison, the W.M., that Phoenix Lodge since it was instituted is progressing very favourably. This lodge has several members, who are members of Myrtle Lodge, of Port Robinson. who hold offices in Phoenix Lodge and who I have seen do the work in Myrtle Lodge and whom I know to be quite capable to hold office in Phoenix Lodge. The rooms are very suitable and well furnished to carry on the work of the lodge and am confident Phoenix Lodge will give a good account of itself after working another year under a dispensation.

In conclusion I desire again' to thank the brethren of Niagara District No. 10 for the honour conferred upon me; also for the many kindly acts shown me while in the performance of my official duties. On each of my visits a banquet was tendered me, which I heartily thank the brethren for, and I sincerely trust that when my term of office has expired they will feel that their confidence was not misplaced.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. S. ROSS, D.D.G.M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
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Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Meet's held				Amount paid for relief		No. mem. 12 mths in arrears		Date of last G. L. Return		Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Regular	Emergency	Aver. atten'ce of members	Total of all arrearages	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all arrearages							
Niagara	108	8	5	7	9	1	1	5	1	10	8	18	23	50 00	11 145 00	June 30	1916	Excel't	Good	Yes	3100 00	
Grimsby	157	10	2	9	9	5	1	1	2	13	6	19	38	50 00	56 585 66	July 4	1916	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
St. Catharines	152	4	14	11	14	4	4	1	3	3	10	8	18	13	225 00	35 300 00	Jan.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
Dunnville	152	5	5	4	4	4	2	2	3	3	12	7	19	28	60 00	19 92 75	Mar. 6	1916	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
Cayuga	92	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	13	13	14	60 00	19 92 75	Mar. 6	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
St. Catharines	251	15	18	19	18	3	1	3	3	3	10	14	24	34	129 95	23 400 00	June 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
Niagara Falls	168	3	4	2	4	2	1	1	2	7	3	10	30	100 00	37 199 10	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	700 00	
Beamsville	140	2	4	3	6	1	1	1	2	2	13	3	16	30	72 30	79 150 00	Dec. 28	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	1500 00
Welland	146	17	3	17	11	6	3	3	13	10	23	28	12	148 50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
Pt. Colborne	105	5	6	6	5	1	1	2	12	3	15	18	24	76 00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Good	Yes	600 00		
York	35	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	13	4	17	12	9 00	4 21 00	Dec. 30	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00		
Thorold	171	19	6	6	6	7	2	2	4	14	15	29	45	50 00	42 470 50	June 24	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00	
Niagara Falls	267	19	8	17	17	12	1	3	1	11	15	29	45	50 00	6 35 00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00	
Pt. Dalhousie	75	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	10	7	17	45	11 130 00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
St. Catharines	154	19	15	10	10	4	1	5	1	12	6	18	25	34 132 00	Dec. 24	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
Hagersville	106	7	11	10	7	1	1	2	2	11	1	12	16	69 00	11 33 00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	No.	500 00	
Jarvis	68	3	4	3	3	3	1	2	2	11	1	12	16	50 00	3 185 00	June 24	1916	Bright	Bright	Yes	350 00	
Pt. Robinson	54	3	4	3	3	3	1	4	2	9	9	22	2	190 00	5 35 00	Dec. 30	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
Wellandport	80	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	9	9	22	2	70 00	6 20 00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00	
Bridgesburg	113	6	4	5	5	5	1	1	4	2	13	13	26	20	15 60 00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
Welland	148	9	14	11	13	1	1	1	1	13	13	16	16	17 50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
Chippawa	56	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17 50	Dec. 27	1915	Satisf	Bright	Yes	300 00		
Smithville	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	17 50	Dec. 27	1915	Satisf	Bright	Yes	300 00		
Fonthill	47	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	3	1	23	17 50	Dec. 27	1915	Satisf	Bright	Yes	300 00		

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Masonic District No. 11 for the past year.

I wish again to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honour done me, in my election to the honourable and responsible position of representative of the Grand Master in this important district. While conscious of my own limitations, I have endeavoured in the discharge of my duties to deserve the confidence so generously reposed in me by the brethren.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Fenton, of Ionic Lodge, Brampton, as District Secretary. He accompanied me on nearly all my official visits, and I am grateful for the valuable assistance he rendered.

I wish also to record the gratitude I feel towards my predecessors in office for many acts of kindness, and for valuable assistance rendered to me during the year. Owing to sickness in my family I was not able to keep some of my engagements on the date assigned. In every such case I had only to ask for assistance, and it was freely given.

In all my visits of inspection I made it a point to impress upon the brethren their duty as Masons of living up to their obligations, and also of making some advancement in Masonic knowledge by reading not only reports of Grand Lodge, but also along other lines from material readily available, and I have reason to believe my remarks were appreciated by the brethren.

The conditions of Masonry throughout the district are very bright. The officers in the differ-

zealous in the discharge of their duties. I wish especially to commend the work of the Secretaries. The position of Secretary is one of great importance in the harmonious and efficient working of a lodge, and I am pleased to report that I found the position filled, generally, by capable men, and perhaps in every case by the best man available. But it seems to me that the records might be simplified and greater uniformity secured if a uniform set of books were devised. Some good loose leaf systems are now available. As it is, the Secretary is under the necessity of carrying a grip filled with books to every meeting. This is a matter to which the attention of Grand Lodge has frequently been directed, and is, I think, worthy of consideration.

There has been a large increase in the membership, and the material has been of the proper sort. It was particularly noticeable the number of candidates going through who were in the King's uniform. In almost every lodge there is an Honour Roll of men who have offered themselves in the service of their King and country, for the cause of liberty, justice and humanity, and many others who have already given their lives, and thus discharged their highest obligation as Masons, for "Greater love hath no man than this that he laid down his life for his friends." To the homes that have been bereaved and the hearts that are lonely and sad, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may give them that comfort and consolation that only comes to those that put their trust in Him.

There are at present 32 lodges in the district, and in view of the fact that in most of them the officers are installed in December or January, the work of visiting the lodges has become more onerous than need be, in view of the limited time allowed. I have tried always to visit the lodges on their regular meeting night, but this is difficult to arrange for, owing to a conflict of dates. Accordingly on the suggestion of M. W. Bro. Malone, Grand Treasurer, a joint meeting of the ruling Masters and Past Masters of districts No. 11 and

11a met in Toronto to consider the question of recommending a rearrangement of the districts, making three instead of two, and a report of the details of suggestions is made elsewhere.

At a subsequent meeting of the ruling Masters and Past Masters the question of furnishing part of the Convalescent home for returned soldiers in the old Knox College building, was taken up, and it was agreed to ask each lodge in the district for a subscription of ten cents a member, and I am pleased to say the request is being heartily acceded to.

We regret to report the death of several worthy brethren during the year, particularly we mourn the loss of R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, P.D.D.G. M., of this district. R. W. Bro. McFadden was by profession a Barrister, by choice a Mason, and by nature a gentleman, respected by all who knew him, and loved most where best known.

The year's work has been to me a labour of love, and will be fraught with many pleasant memories during the rest of my life. It has given me the opportunity of becoming acquainted with a large number of estimable men, and of establishing friendships which I value. The recollection of the many pleasant social hours spent with the brethren of the district will long be one of my brightest memories.

On September 23rd, 1915, pursuant to instructions from Grand Lodge, I visited Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating the lodge, and installing its officers. In this I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully, R. W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, R. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, V. W. Bro. D. G. Sturrock, and other distinguished brethren. Visiting brethren were present from Toronto, Streetsville and Brampton. The lodge was constituted, consecrated and dedicated according to established usage, after which a very pleasant social time was spent with the brethren of Mississauga

who are very comfortably established and in a very promising field.

On September 28th I performed the same ceremony for Temple Lodge No. 525, Toronto, where I was also assisted by several distinguished brethren. There was a large number of visiting brethren present, and after the ceremony a pleasant evening was spent.

On October 15th, according to dispensation from Grand Lodge, I instituted High Park Lodge U.D., Toronto. In this ceremony I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, R. W. Bro. John Tanner, R. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, and others. High Park, under the direction of W. Bro. Hermiston and its efficient Secretary, R. B. Magill, starts off under most favourable auspices, and promises from all appearances to establish a record. After the ceremony a splendid banquet followed, the feature of which was a fine address by M. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, P.G.M., of Manitoba, on "Our Boys at the Front." There was a large number of visiting brethren, including R. W. Bro. Legge, D.D.G.M., District No. 11a, and his District Secretary.

On March 28th I instituted the baby lodge of the district, Shamrock U.D., Toronto, which meets in Freemasons' Hall, College Street. R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully was appointed W.M., and he is assisted by a very capable set of officers, so that I feel sure Shamrock is in good hands.

Official Visits.

November 23rd. I made my first official visit to Temple Lodge No. 525 on this date, and was given a very cordial reception by the large number of brethren present. W. Bro. Whetter and his officers initiated a candidate in a most impressive and satisfactory manner. This lodge has a good staff of officers, and is setting out under most favourable auspices.

November 26th. I visited Humber Lodge No. 305, Weston, on this date. W. Bro. Gardhouse passed a candidate in a satisfactory manner. One

is pleased to meet such veteran P. Ms. as W. Bro. Eagle and W. Bro. Bull, whose zeal for the institution increases with the passing years. The brethren of Humber Lodge have had in mind the building of new quarters for some time, but owing to the exigencies of the war, the matter has been left in abeyance for a time. There were a number of visiting brethren present from neighbouring lodges, and in the fourth degree we had the pleasure of hearing a good address from R. W. Bro. Anderson, P.D.D.G.M.

I visited Ashlar Lodge No. 247 at their January meeting according to custom, and saw a candidate, who afterwards appeared in King's uniform, raised in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Wood and his officers. The work was done by all the officers with dignity and precision, as one would expect in this old lodge with such a large number of capable P. Ms. to watch the landmarks.

Patterson Lodge No. 265, Thornhill, was visited on January 20th and the work of the second degree exemplified in a satisfactory manner by the W. M. and his officers. I specially complimented the S. W. on the way in which he delivered the lecture. Patterson is a good live lodge with good prospects. I was pleased to see R. W. Bro. Francis, who still takes a keen interest in the lodge's welfare.

On February 17th I visited Alpha Lodge No. 384, when W. Bro. Muir and his officers initiated a candidate, and did the work well. There was a large number of brethren present, among whom were many visitors including several (as well as the W. M.) wearing the King's uniform. The Alpha brethren not only do their work in the lodge room well, but are good hosts. Alpha is in a thoroughly satisfactory condition.

I was unable to visit Harmony on January 28th, as I had arranged, but R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith acted in my stead and reports as follows:

"There was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. Beatty and his officers

initiated a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. The degree as conferred was well calculated to impress the candidate, and was given with an attention to detail which afforded evidence of careful and intelligent study of the spirit as well as the outward form of the ceremony."

Owing to my inability to keep my engagements, R. W. Bro. Smith also visited the following lodges and reports as follows:

"As requested by you, I visited and inspected Mount Sinai Lodge No. 522 on March 14th, St. Alban's Lodge No. 514 on March 20th, and Corinthian Lodge No. 481 on March 27th, and beg to report as follows:

"Mount Sinai No. 522. The initiation ceremony was conferred upon a candidate in a fairly satisfactory manner, the work of some of the officers being particularly praiseworthy. The W. M. appeared to be unduly nervous, and in my opinion scarcely did himself justice. He was liberally assisted by visiting Masters and the P. Ms. of the lodge. Mount Sinai appears to be progressing satisfactorily."

"St. Alban's No. 514. A member of the 95th Overseas Battalion was initiated in a most impressive manner. W. Bro. Milne has made an intelligent study of the ceremony and is assisted by painstaking officers who are interested in their work. In his and their hands one may feel confident that the beauties and lessons of the degrees are not likely to be lost upon either the candidate or the member."

"Corinthian No. 481. Again the E. A. degree was conferred, and I am certain the newly initiated brother must have been deeply impressed with the truths intended to be inculcated. The W. M. and his officers were well versed in their work and quite at home in presenting it. I was given the privilege of making a presentation on behalf of the lodge to one of its members, Lieut. L. D. Anderson, formerly of the 15th Battalion, 1st Contingent, now of the 92nd Battalion."

At my request R. W. Bro., Scully visited York Lodge No. 156, and reported as follows: "The first or E. A. degree was exemplified in a very exemplary manner by W. Bro. Hopkins and the officers of the lodge. I am pleased to report that the W. M. is supported by an exceptionally bright and efficient staff of officers, and the P. Ms. who seem to realize the true aim and object of our ancient science namely: 'The cultivation and improvement of the human mind,' and I feel sure that those who are being made Masons in York Lodge will be taught the true principles of our fraternity."

R. W. Bro. Francis at my request visited Robertson Lodge No. 292, King, on the evening of April 17th, and reports in substance as follows: "I did not expect many out owing to the bad roads, but there were 22 present; two were initiated and one candidate raised. As some of the officers are new men who have not had much practice the work was only medium. They have fair prospects. I advised them strongly to get a new lodge room as their present quarters are not creditable to the craft. This I understand they are preparing for, and have over \$700 on hand for that purpose. There is a good membership for the place and the officers are capable of doing the work well with more practice."

Regarding Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg, R. W. Bro. Legge, District No. 11a, reports: "By request I visited Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg, officially on February 14th. W. Bro. Frank Attridge and his officers conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Stewart, the Secretary, had his books in good condition, with a splendid balance on hand. This lodge owns its building and from all appearances should make good progress."

Blackwood Lodge No. 311, Woodbridge, was visited by R. W. Bro. J. B. McLean, who reports:

"As per your request I paid Blackwood No. 311, Woodbridge, an official visit on Friday, May 12th, when a brother was passed to the Fellow-craft degree in a very efficient and satisfactory

manner by W. Bro. Ellis and his officers, doing their several parts to my entire satisfaction, and most impressively. The charge was given by W. Bro. David Norton, one of the stand-byes in this lodge. Brethren were present from Toronto, Maple, King, and Weston, and a very pleasant time was spent at the fourth degree. I shall be very much surprised if we do not hear from this lodge in a more important manner in the near future."

On April 13th I made my official visit to Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit, accompanied by W. Bro. Halnan, W.M., of Ionic, Brampton. W. Bro. Earle exemplified the first degree to my entire satisfaction, and the lodge seems to be doing well with bright prospects before it.

Victoria Lodge No. 474, Toronto, was visited by me on April 18th, when W. Bro. Wadsworth and his officers gave a candidate his first degree very acceptably. Victoria has a capable set of officers, a large membership, and is making very satisfactory progress in every way.

Occident Lodge No. 346 was visited on April 19th, when W. Bro. Bennett and his officers initiated a candidate to my entire satisfaction; a large number of brethren were present, both of lodge members and visiting brethren from other city lodges. This lodge has a large membership and as a result has a large field from which to choose its officers, which it appears to do with care.

On April 21st I paid my official visit to High Park Lodge U.D., which I had instituted in October, and was greeted by one of the largest gatherings I have met in any of my official visits. The members were out almost to a man, and visitors were present from almost every lodge in the city. Certainly if High Park is lacking in years, it is not lacking in enthusiasm. With 156 initiations to its credit in a year, one wonders whether such rapid growth is wise. But I have faith in the good judgment of W. Bro. Hermiston and his very capable set of officers, and if all their work is such as they exemplified for my benefit, we need have no

fear. This young lodge is specially favoured in having among its members a number of well-trained voices, who render the musical portion of the ritual in a very acceptable manner. The capable and energetic Secretary, W. Bro. R. B. Magill, is, I fancy, largely responsible for the energy and enthusiasm of the members. The general oversight of the lodge seems to be in good hands.

Stanley Lodge No. 426, Toronto. This lodge was visited on May 2nd, and I was greeted by a large representation of the members, together with many visitors from City lodges. Stanley is the mother lodge of this section of the city, and has already produced two lusty offsprings. But age does not seem to have impaired her vitality, and she is still one of the strongest lodges of the district. The E. A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Jones and his officers in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Stanley seems to be in a prosperous and satisfactory condition.

Rehoboam Lodge No. 65, Toronto. I visited this old and flourishing lodge on May 4th, and there was a very large attendance of members and visitors present. W. Bro. Lee put on the first degree to my entire satisfaction. After the work in the lodge room a very enjoyable time was spent with the brethren in the fourth degree. Rehoboam under its capable officers certainly appears to be in a prosperous condition.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Toronto. I visited this, the oldest lodge in the district, on the evening of May 11th, when the entered apprentice degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Prest and his officers. The work was done by all the officers in a very impressive manner. One is pleased to see such old and tried members as W. Bro. Macdonald taking part in the work. Bro. Macdonald must surely hold the record for regularity of attendance, as extending back for almost a half-century he has a record almost without a break.

May 12th. I visited Parkdale Lodge No. 510, Toronto, on this date and was pleased to find the lodge in a thoroughly harmonious and satisfactory condition. W. Bro. Brown put on the E. A. degree and did it well. Parkdale has a good set of officers and good prospects.

May 16th. On this date I visited Wilson Lodge No. 86, Toronto, one of the old lodges, and was well pleased with the way in which the E. A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Black and his officers. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors.

May 19th. True Blue Lodge No. 98, Bolton, was visited on this date. The roads were very bad and there was a small attendance in consequence. Besides, as happens with so many lodges situated in a village as True Blue is, there is only a small resident membership. But the torch is being kept alive by such faithful brethren as W. Bro. Leavens, W. Bro. Norton and W. Bro. Smith, who are the real mainstays of the lodge. W. Bro. Lockwood initiated a candidate in a fairly satisfactory manner. The lodge has comfortable quarters, and we hope may soon receive a renewal of its former vigour.

May 23rd. Maple Lodge No. 54, Vaughan, another of our oldest lodges, was visited on this date and the E. A. degree was exemplified. They are an enthusiastic lot of brethren at Maple, and the work was well done, the work of the Junior Warden being especially note-worthy. The Maple brethren are also good entertainers. While visiting the brethren at Maple I was pleased to enjoy the hospitality of R. W. Bro. J. B. McLean, P.D.D.G.M. of this district.

May 25th. I visited University Lodge No. 496, Toronto, on this date and spent a very enjoyable evening. As most of the members are University men, and the University year was over before my visit, the attendance was not so large as it would have been had I been able to make my visit earlier, but there was a good attendance

nevertheless, and W. M. Kinghorn and his officers initiated a candidate in an impressive manner. This lodge is favoured in having a specially efficient Secretary in W. Bro. Percy W. Rogers, whose wide experience gives him special qualifications for the work.

June 9th. Visited Peel Lodge No. 468, Caledon East. This is one of the rural lodges with a good membership and good prospects. The W. M., W. Bro. Spratt, was apparently very nervous and did not do himself justice in the work he presented, but from what I have learned I know that the officers are all capable of doing the work well under normal conditions.

June 15th. I visited Connaught Lodge No. 501, Mimico, on this date, and spent one of the pleasantest evenings of the year. W. Bro. West worked the E. A. degree to my satisfaction. Connaught is a young lodge with a congenial membership and good prospects.

June 13th. Accompanied by P. M. Bro. French, W. Bro. Halnan and several brethren from Toronto, I visited Riverpark Lodge No. 356, Streetsville, on this date. There was no candidate but W. Bro. Hubbell exemplified the E. A. degree and showed that he was capable of putting on the degree in a satisfactory manner. The lodge is favoured with having a number of capable P. Ms. such as W. Bro. Taylor, W. Bro. Goodison, W. Bro. Church, W. Bro. Couse and others who watch the landmarks and maintain a good standard of efficiency in the regular officers. Riverpark's position is sound and her prospects good.

June 20th. I made my official visit to Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton, on this date. Ionic is my mother lodge, so I am thoroughly conversant with its condition and the capability of its officers, W. Bro. Halnan initiated two candidates and the work could not easily have been improved upon. After the initiation of the candidates the W. M. gave a very fine address, impressing upon the brethren their duty to one another as brother Masons, and to themselves. I was pleased to be accom-

panied on this visit by R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, V. W. Bro. Sturrock and visiting brethren from Bolton, Caledon East, Port Credit and Toronto. This lodge had the misfortune during the past year to lose by death its very efficient Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, whose memory will long be kept green by the members of Ionic, whom he served so well.

On June 26th I visited Shamrock U.D. Lodge, Toronto, which I had instituted a short time previously, and was pleased to see the progress they had made, having already in the short time since their institution thirty initiations to their credit. R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully, the present W. M., exemplified the E. A. degree in a most satisfactory manner, as was only to be expected. The officers were all capable and proficient in the work. A fine gathering was present and Shamrock Lodge is setting out under most favourable auspices, and seems to have a very promising future before it.

On July 11th I made my last official visit to Mimico Lodge No. 369, Lambton Mills. W. Bro. Marshall initiated a candidate under unfavourable conditions in a fairly satisfactory manner. Naturally the same degree of proficiency cannot be expected from lodges whose officers are widely scattered and who have neither the opportunity of rehearsing the work together or of visiting the other lodges. But Mimico Lodge has a good set of officers, is housed in comfortable quarters, and has good prospects.

In conclusion, I have only to thank the brethren again for many kindnesses, and to assure them that the memory of my association with them during the past year will be cherished for long years to come.

May the Great Architect of the Universe sustain us all and keep us worthy of the honoured name we bear as Free and Accepted Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES R. FALLIS, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

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			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.						F. C.	M. M.															
221	King Solomon's	Toronto	373	414	14	19	3	1	2	9	10	10	7	17	50	482	13	28	155	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Fy cov'd	
54	Vaughan	Maple	48	1	3	3	2	1	5	6	8	11	14	25	73	7	00	7	25	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Bright	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	\$1500 00	
65	Rehoboth	Toronto	492	7	12	19	1	1	5	6	8	11	14	25	73	374	05	28	213	00	June 28	1916	V good	Excel't	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
86	Wilson	Toronto	389	17	11	12	8	9	2	3	5	10	8	18	71	239	25	34	379	80	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes	
98	True Blue	Bolton	63	2	2	2	6	6	1	3	1	1	10	10	10	55	00	6	40	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes	
118	Union	Schomberg	67	5	2	5	6	6	3	1	3	1	11	2	13	18	55	00	6	40	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes
136	York	Toronto	237	14	14	13	2	2	3	1	3	1	11	25	8	00	18	89	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes		
229	Ionic	Brampton	149	7	5	2	2	1	5	5	8	10	3	13	44	805	00	14	116	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes	
247	Ashlar	Toronto	414	3	9	7	6	1	1	5	8	12	5	17	20	10	43	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes			
265	Patterson	Thornhill	82	9	7	7	6	1	3	3	12	12	13	14	10	38	268	71	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes			
302	Robertson	King	38	3	5	5	5	1	3	3	2	11	2	13	20	12	110	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes			
305	Humber	Weston	112	3	5	5	5	1	3	4	4	10	3	13	20	20	30	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust			
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	63	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	1	12	2	13	20	20	30	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes			
326	Ozeland	Toronto	586	5	12	13	13	3	8	3	9	9	4	13	15	682	00	24	156	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes	
346	Ocident	Toronto	410	15	15	17	2	2	1	12	4	10	3	13	23	65	160	00	21	219	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes
356	River Park	Streetsville	78	3	1	2	2	1	1	4	4	10	3	13	20	20	30	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes			
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	131	3	7	6	5	1	3	4	4	10	5	15	32	25	00	55	241	15	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes	
384	Alpha	Toronto	505	4	18	16	18	2	1	6	2	9	11	10	21	86	355	00	50	390	80	Dec. 27	1915	V good	Excel't	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes
426	Stanley	Toronto	330	1	15	13	12	2	2	2	13	5	11	13	24	48	178	80	20	527	45	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Yes
438	Harmony	Toronto	433	3	3	17	21	20	2	8	6	8	10	24	34	50	584	00	35	260	00	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Excel't	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Fy cov'd
468	Peel	Caledon East	76	2	5	5	5	1	1	1	13	13	1	14	19	150	50	13	126	30	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
474	Victoria	Toronto	253	20	17	17	15	2	1	7	3	9	10	19	74	150	50	13	126	30	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
481	Corinthian	Toronto	150	13	13	16	17	2	1	1	3	11	10	21	40	50	00	23	184	50	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	V. good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
496	University	Toronto	145	12	4	11	11	3	3	3	1	10	10	20	36	50	00	23	184	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
501	Connaught	Mimico	95	11	13	12	10	2	3	3	1	10	10	20	36	50	00	23	184	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
510	Parkdale	Toronto	90	6	3	2	5	3	2	2	11	11	11	11	11	100	00	11	11	11	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
514	St. Albans	Toronto	169	21	27	30	34	1	13	13	2	10	9	19	60	100	00	11	11	11	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Sphnd'd	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
522	Mount Sinai	Toronto	59	9	21	15	11	1	1	1	2	10	10	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
524	Mississauga	Port Credit	36	6	3	6	6	4	1	1	10	10	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	Dec. 27	1915	Good	V good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Trust	
525	Temple	Toronto	56	11	11	12	15	1	1	2	9	11	20	16	16	30	00	6	24	00	Dec. 27	1915	500 00	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	none
531	High Park	Toronto	190	150	126	93	15	15	15	15	8	31	39	90	25	00	25	00	25	00	Dec. 27	1915	V good	Excel't	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	none	
533	Shamrock	Toronto	74	74	30	11	3	40	1	1	2	9	11	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Good	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	none	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

As we draw to the close of another Masonic year, it is my pleasant duty to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto East District No. 11a. In so doing, I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the honour and distinction conferred upon me in electing me to this honourable and responsible position, and to the lodges generally for their hearty co-operation, and to the members individually in helping me to perform the duties which such an office demands. Particularly am I grateful to all those who have so kindly assisted me in my work, being in a very special way indebted to R. W. Bro. A. Davidson and W. Bro. J. H. Dunlop.

My first official duty after being installed was the appointment of W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, P. M. of Richmond Lodge No. 23, as District Secretary. The willingness with which he accompanied me on my visits and discharged the various duties of the office stands as a credit to himself and to the district.

Before reporting in detail concerning the respective lodges, there are a few points of general interest to which I would refer.

Shortly after the opening of the present term early last autumn, I was communicated with in regard to the founding of a new lodge in our district and it is with the greatest satisfaction that I am now able to report to you its institution on the 3rd day of December, 1915. It is to be known as "Canada" Lodge, meeting in the Riverdale Temple, in the City of Toronto, and judging from the officers under whose directions it was opened and has been so competently maintained throughout the

present year, I can with the highest confidence recommend its charter being granted by the Grand Lodge.

Regarding the primary duty of my office, viz., that of inspection, I would like to state a few of the gratifying points which were brought to my notice: Firstly, that membership throughout the entire district is increasing; that the harmony and enthusiasm which everywhere exists must necessarily result in stronger and more influential lodges; that the best possible judgment seems to have been used in the appointment of Secretaries, because they prove themselves not only good Masons but practical book-keepers. The lodge rooms for the most part are neatly kept and appropriately furnished, and what is more encouraging to a D.D.G.M., the W. M. and officers seem anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible and are genuinely grateful for any suggestion or information given.

During my official term I have endeavoured as far as possible to encourage uniformity of work throughout the district; but I also feel that this cannot be entirely accomplished until a lodge of instruction can be held for the country lodges, at least once a year. I had anticipated being able to arrange for such a lodge of instruction jointly with District No. 11, but after looking carefully into the matter I found that on account of difficulty of central location and lack of a suitable lodge room it was impossible this year to carry out the project. I deeply regret that such was the case and until some means can be found to solve this difficulty I fear that Masonry will not rise to the high standard we otherwise could hope for.

Before closing my report I feel that I must make mention of the remarkable way in which Masonic interest is keeping pace with military interest. As the problems of our empire grow more critical, the members of our craft in a like measure seem to be realizing more and more their responsibilities, and as a result our pride in the institution grows stronger and deeper as we witness the continual life sacrifices which are being made by our

fellow brethren and the manner in which the craft is rallying to support the needs of our empire.

I, as representative of this district, take this opportunity to extend to each and every member of this Grand Lodge who has suffered bereavement the sincerest and fraternal sympathy of Toronto East 11a District.

St. John's Lodge No. 75, Toronto. November 1st, 1915. This was my first official visit and the splendid reception tendered me was most inspiring. W. Bro. E. S. Calder and his officers conferred the first degree in a most excellent manner. There was a good attendance of visitors present including the W. M. and members of Coronati Lodge and several from Richmond Hill. The Secretary has his books and finances in good shape. This is one of the few lodges in the district that have no arrears and the prospects for the future are very bright. I was pleased to visit this lodge on the evening of April 3rd, which was known as "Empire Night." A most enjoyable evening was spent. After the conferring of a first degree the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where a most instructive and interesting address was delivered by M. W. Bro. Dr. Goggin, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto, November 6th, 1915. I visited this lodge accompanied by W. Bro. John H. Dunlop and members from Richmond Hill. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. O. P. McGregor and his officers very acceptably. There was a good attendance of members and visitors from city lodges. The books of the lodge, under the care of Bro. Geo. Thompson, are in excellent shape with a very substantial balance and a good collection was taken for our boys at the front, who are serving their King and country. The membership has increased very rapidly during the last year and the future prospects are very bright. I had also the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the evening of April 1st, on which occasion the ruling Masters of the city in District 11a occupied the chairs. W. Bro. McGregor spared no pains in making the meeting a huge success.

Zeredatha Lodge No. 220, Uxbridge, December 20th, 1915. I visited this lodge accompanied by R. W. Bro. Arthur Davidson. W. Bro. Shelley and his officers exemplified the first degree fairly well, considering that it was the first work the W. M. had done. There was a good attendance of visitors, particularly from King Edward Lodge, Sunderland. The P. Ms. of Zeredatha Lodge are very enthusiastic. W. Bro. Hare, the Secretary, has his books in excellent shape.

Malone Lodge No. 512, Sutton, January 19th, 1916. On the evening of the above date I made my official visit to this lodge. W. Bro. Greenwood conferred the first degree. He was at somewhat of a disadvantage, owing to the absence of the Senior Warden and Junior Deacon. Yet the work was satisfactorily performed. I was pleased to be accompanied by R. W. Bro. Francis, P.D.D.G.M. of District 11. The lodge was favoured with a large number of visitors from Sharon and Tuscan Lodges.

Richmond Lodge No. 23, Richmond Hill, January 26th, 1916. W. Bro. Wright, W. M., conferred a first degree. The Junior Warden and Junior Deacon were absent, due to illness; their chairs were occupied by W. Bro. Cowie and V. W. Bro. McMahon. This being my mother lodge I asked R. W. Bro. Fallis to accompany me and report upon the work presented. This he very kindly consented to do. In his comment on the work he excused the W.M. for any slight embarrassment due to the many visitors and expressed himself as satisfied with the rendering of the degree. There was a large attendance of visitors hailing from Rising Sun, Vaughan and Patterson Lodges, St. John's No. 75, Toronto, Canada Lodge U.D. Toronto, and York Lodge No. 156, Toronto. We were also favoured with the presence of R. W. Bro. McLean, P.D.D.G.M. of Toronto District No. 11. Rev. Bro. Herbison gave an interesting and instructive address on "The Boys at the Front."

St. George Lodge No. 367, Toronto, February 4th, 1916. I made my official visit to St. George Lodge No. 367, Toronto, W. Bro. Shone and his

officers conferred the first degree in a nice, clear, smooth and impressive manner. The Secretary's work, under the able management of Bro. R. C. Gallaher, is being well taken care of. The lodge apparently is in the best of hands.

Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, March 7th, 1916. I visited officially Ionic Lodge, when W. Bro. W. B. Milliken and his officers on this occasion had the honour of revealing the first light of Masonry to five candidates, all of whom had enlisted for overseas service, among whom were two sons of Bro. Chief Justice Garrow, an old and esteemed member of the craft. The work was efficiently performed throughout. This lodge is to be congratulated on its venerable Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Postlethwaite, who has been a member of the lodge for 44 years, 26 years of which he has acted as treasurer.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 129, Aurora, March 8th, 1916. I visited this lodge officially. There was a splendid attendance of the brethren of the lodge and many visitors from Richmond Hill, Maple, Newmarket and Toronto. W. Bro. Doolittle, W. M., conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner. The work of all his officers was performed with confidence and fair accuracy. A pleasing event of the evening was a presentation of a testimonial to R. W. Bro. Carleton, P.D.D.G.M. of Toronto West District No. 11, making him an Hon. Life member of Rising Sun Lodge. The R. W. Bro. replied in most fitting terms. Among the visitors were R. W. Bros. Crosby, Carleton, Scully, Radcliffe and W. Bro. Miskelly. Riverdale Lodge under the guardianship of their genial W. M., W. Bro. Spring, attended in a body. A very pleasant time was spent, chief event being interesting and instructive address by Rev. Bro. Robinson, of Vaughan Lodge. This lodge is in a most prosperous condition.

Beaches Lodge No. 473, Toronto, March 10th, 1916. I visited this lodge officially. W. Bro. Brandham and his officers conferred the first degree to an ideal candidate, Rev. Bro. Christie, in a

very satisfactory manner. I.P.M., W. Bro. Gardiner, gave an impressive rendering of the charge. The members of this lodge seem to be in perfect harmony. The future prospects are bright.

Stevenson Lodge No. 218, Toronto, March 13th, 1916. W. Bro. Hamilton and his officers conferred the third degree in a most satisfactory manner. The W. M's. work was clear and impressive. He was ably supported throughout his degree by his excellent choir. The books of both Secretary and Treasurer are models of neatness. This lodge is in good hands.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Toronto, March 14th, 1916. I officially visited this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Wright and brethren of Richmond Lodge and received a truly royal welcome from W. Bro. Bolus, the W. M. of this historic lodge. A first degree was conferred by the W. M. and his officers in a manner that could scarcely be excelled. The candidate was a son of W. Bro. Kingston, a highly esteemed P. M. of the lodge. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the future of this lodge is sure to be one of success and prosperity.

Acacia Lodge No. 430, Toronto, March 20th, 1916. I visited above lodge officially on March 20th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Dr. Walter, P. D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Reynolds exemplified the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. All his officers appear well skilled. I had the pleasure at an earlier date, October 18th, 1915, of visiting the lodge, when W. Bro. French who was in the chair, conferred a first degree in an able and intelligent manner. On this occasion I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. Dr. Walters, the immediate Past District Deputy, with his suit of regalia, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the district.

Zeta Lodge No. 410, Toronto, March 24th, 1916. My visit of inspection of this lodge was made on the above date. W. Bro. Pease, W.M., conferred a first degree. I was deeply impressed with the

earnestness and efficiency of his work. The junior officers had their work well in hand. This lodge is evidently in a prosperous condition.

Orient Lodge No. 339, Toronto, April 4th, 1916. I visited this lodge officially, when the first degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. A. S. Weiss, W.M., and his officers. I had the pleasure for the first time during my year of office to see a W. M. in khaki. W. Bro. Weiss has obeyed the call from our King and country, as so many of the Masonic brethren are doing throughout the entire district. I was pleased to see present R. W. Bros. A. B. Crosby and R. W. Bro. Dr. Walters, P.D.D.G.Ms. The Secretary's books are all that could be desired. This lodge appears to be in a good condition.

Canada Lodge U.D., Toronto, April 7th, 1916. I had the pleasure of instituting this lodge December 3rd, 1915. I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, H. A. Nicholls and A. B. Crosby, V. W. Bro. McMahon and W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, District Secretary.

The occasion was a pleasant, one as it marked the beginning of a lodge of young and energetic Masons, whose activities will now find scope to advance and maintain the traditions of our beloved order. I again visited the lodge officially on April 7th, 1916, and the officers presented an E. A. degree for my review. The work was very acceptably done. The W. M., W. Bro. J. Baker, is painstaking and very zealous for the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Sanderson has the work of the Secretary well in hand, his books are most neatly kept. On the occasion of this visit there was a splendid attendance of visitors from the city lodges. At the fourth degree we were honoured by the presence of the 83rd Battalion band. This lodge has made excellent progress since it has been instituted. I think the work done, and the efficiency of the officers, entitles it to its warrant at this first meeting of Grand Lodge.

Coronati Lodge No. 520, Toronto. During my term of office I had the pleasure of being the guest

of Coronati Lodge three times, January 11th being the first occasion, when I assisted W. Bro. Miskelly to install the officers. On April 2nd, by request of the W. M., I attended the Masonic opening service of Dale Church, which was under the direction of the lodge, Bro. Rev. J. D. Morrow filling the two-fold position of Pastor and Chaplain. On the date of my official visit, April 11th, I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Crosby, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, District Secretary. The first degree was conferred in a highly commendable manner by W. Bro. Burry and his officers. The rendering of the J. Warden's lecture by W. Bro. Chas. Gigg was also worthy of mention. The books of the Secretary I found in the best possible form and reflect great credit on that officer. This lodge is one of the few which has no outstanding dues, and its future looks exceptionally bright.

Tuscan Lodge No. 99, Newmarket, December 8th, 1915. I went to the above lodge with the intention of making a friendly visit, but unfortunately owing to decoration and repair work being done at the hall they were unable to hold a meeting. Later, on April 12th, my regular visit of inspection was made when W. Bro. E. A. Boyd and his officers conferred the first degree in a satisfactory manner. The books of the Secretary were found in good condition, having a substantial cash balance. Judging from the number and quality of the initiations during the last six months, this lodge seems to have entered upon a new era of usefulness and prosperity.

Doric Lodge No. 316, Toronto. April 20th. 1916. This lodge was visited by me on this date. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. The third degree was conferred in an admirable manner by W. Bro. Harry E. Reid. He was ably assisted by an excellent staff of officers. The rendition of the ritualistic work was enhanced very much by music supplied by the choir from Stevenson Lodge. The Secretary's books were neat and well kept. The banquet proceedings on this occasion were elaborate, the Master discharging the

duties of toastmaster in an admirable way. The prospects of this lodge are bright. I also visited this lodge on January 20th, when I had the pleasure of assisting R. W. Bro. Bilger, P.D.D.G.M., in the installation of the officers.

Riverdale Lodge No. 494, Toronto, April 28th, 1916. My visit of inspection was made to this lodge at the regular meeting on above date, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Francis, P.D.D.G.M., W. Bro. A. Wright and members of Richmond Lodge No. 23, Richmond Hill, a number of brethren from Rising Sun No. 129, Aurora, Patterson Lodge No. 265, Thornhill, besides a large number of visitors from city lodges. The Master, W. Bro. J. A. Spring, is painstaking and enthusiastic; his portion of the ceremony, which was the raising of a candidate, was conferred in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. I was also a visitor at this lodge on December 29th, 1915, accompanied by R. W. Bros. A. B. Crosby, P.D.D.G.M., for the purpose of assisting W. Bro. Miskelly to install the officers. The finances of this lodge are in a splendid condition and the Secretary's books are well kept.

Markham Union Lodge No. 87, Markham, May 12th, 1916. An exceedingly hearty greeting was extended to me by the members of the above lodge on above date when I made my official visit. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred most efficiently, due to both confident officers and a capable candidate. R. W. Bro. Dr. Walters, P.D.D.G.M., the W. M. and members of Acacia Lodge, Toronto, also a number of visitors from surrounding lodges were in attendance. W. Bro. Stewart, the W. M., is to be congratulated on the splendid enthusiasm that exists in the lodge and its popularity with eastern city lodges. Doubtless R. W. Bro. Davidson, P.D.D.G.M., has contributed largely to the success of Markham Union, it being his home lodge.

Sharon Lodge No. 97, Queensville. I visited this lodge on May 16th. Due to a previous arrangement a lecturer had been procured in the person of R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Kanawin. The R. W.

Bro. was unable to attend, owing to illness, but an efficient substitute was secured in the person of R. W. Bro. H. T. Smith. The R. W. Bro. gave a most interesting and edifying address on the symbols and allegories of the entered apprentice degree. The W. Master, W. Bro. Miller, opened and closed in the several degrees. His work and those of his officers was performed in a satisfactory manner. This lodge seems to be working in harmony.

Brock Lodge No. 354, Cannington. My official visit was made to this lodge on May 12th, 1916. Owing to the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. Foster conferred the second degree. The work of the acting W. M. and his officers was performed satisfactorily. I regret that an unpleasant feeling exists among some of the brethren, but I have reason to believe that this will soon be eradicated, and that the lodge will ere long revive to its former efficiency.

Richardson Lodge No. 136, Stouffville. My official visit to this lodge was paid on May 19th. W. Bro. Shaw, W. M., in the chair. The work of the evening was the conferring of an entered apprentice degree. The W. M. and his officers performed their respective duties in a satisfactory manner. This lodge is ably supported by its P. Ms. who took portions of the work in a very creditable manner. The number of visitors would have been much larger but for the unfavourable condition of the roads. This lodge seems to be on the verge of an era of prosperity.

Doric Lodge No. 424, Pickering. At my official visit to this lodge on May 26th, the passing of a candidate was the work taken by W. Bro. Crummer and his officers. It was as efficiently done as can be expected under existing conditions of country lodges. A noteworthy point was the splendid support extended by its P. Ms., who appear to be well skilled in the work and very enthusiastic. The latter part of the evening was passed in an instructive discussion regarding the work of the several degrees. There was a goodly attendance of visitors

hailing from Markham, Brougham Union and St. John's, Toronto.

Brougham Union Lodge No. 269, Claremont. June 9th, 1916. I visited this lodge at an emergency meeting on the above date. W. Bro. Morgan, W. M., with his regular staff of officers, conferred the E. A. degree. The work was creditably performed, particularly that of the W. M. Despite bad roads and a wet night, Richardson brethren were in attendance. The beginning of the year for the lodge was very quiet but several applications have recently been received, so that the present year's work will be quite up to the average. After lodge a social hour was spent around the festive board.

In conclusion, I again wish to thank the brethren for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office, and particularly on the occasion of my visits to the lodges. I shall always cherish in my heart the memory of this, to me, eventful year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. LEGGE, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto East District No. 11a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Toronto East District No. 11a, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem-ber-ship		Degr's Confid		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arr'ts	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.							F. C.	M. M.	Regular										Emergency	Total	
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	484	20	5	18	18	15	2	2	1	5	10	9	19	75	13	50	40	729	00	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Good	Yes	2500
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	69	4	6	3	3	3	4	1	1	2	9	8	17	26	13	60	10	51	25	June 24	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2500
25	Ionian	Toronto	325	15	16	17	17	4	1	5	2	7	9	4	13	30	100	00	2	12	00	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Excel't	Yes	
75	St. John's	Toronto	311	1	11	13	12	1	1	1	1	7	11	7	18	45	95	00				Dec. 27	1915	A 1	Excel't	Yes	300
87	Markham Un.	Markham	111	4	1	4	4	3	2	2	1	14	14	20	175	00	10	100	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	300		
97	Sharon	Queensville	82	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	12	12	11	13	18	30	50	20	140	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	250
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	71	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	12	12	11	13	20	20	00	36	245	15	Jan. 24	1915	Good	Good	Yes	300
229	Rising Sun	Aurora	99	5	4	4	5	1	1	5	2	13	13	21	15	12		10	35	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair *	Good	No	300	
336	Richardson	Stouffville	58	1	4	3	2	1	1	5	2	4	10	4	14	50	168	00	22	505	90	Dec. 27	1915	Sound	O. K.	Yes	200
218	Stevenson	Toronto	285	4	10	9	8	1	2	2	2	2	10	2	12	19	24	10				Dec. 31	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	91	3	7	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	8	1	10	00	12	30	17	73	00	May 3	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	1500
269	Brougham Un.	Claremont	75	4	2	2	2	1	2	6	10	3	10	8	18	70	116	92	61	514	00	Dec. 31	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2200
316	Doric	Toronto	382	12	19	12	9	10	4	2	6	10	10	9	19	44	20	00	90	811	90	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	
339	Orient	Toronto	375	4	8	5	3	1	4	7	6	4	10	10	20	85	376	00	12	320	00	Jan. 27	1916	Excel't	Excel't	Yes	200
343	Georgina	Toronto	413	10	17	10	10	9	1	1	1	4	10	11	11	12	5	00	8	35	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Good	Yes	300
354	Brook	Cannington	70	4	3	1	1	1	1	6	11	7	10	4	14	75	90	00	31	219	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	300
367	St. George	Toronto	394	15	6	7	8	2	3	1	5	3	10	8	18	63	710	00	8	35	60	June 24	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	250
410	Zeta	Toronto	349	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	10	10	11	11	12						June 24	1915	Good	Good	Yes	350
424	Doric	Pickering	54	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	10	15	25	64	92	00	18	56	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1400
430	Acacia	Toronto	211	15	4	13	10	7	7	1	1	7	11	7	18	70	3	3	00	3	00	Dec. 24	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1800
473	The Beaches	Toronto	218	27	19	19	16	16	7	1	1	3	10	10	20	58	110	00	3	114	00	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Good	Yes	200
494	Riverdale	Toronto	230	6	14	11	12	4	1	4	6	3	10	10	20	58	110	00	3	114	00	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Good	Yes	400
512	Malone	Sutton	59	2	1	3	5	1	2	1	1	12	12	13	17	36	00	1	20	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	
520	Coronati	Toronto	207	18	3	18	7	13	1	2		1	10	9	19	98						Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	250
532	Canada	Toronto	88	60	55	44	35	6	6			1	7	23	30	25						Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit my report as D.D.G.M. for Ontario District No. 12 for the past Masonic year.

I first wish to express my gratitude to the brethren for the confidence expressed in honouring me with the distinguished position, and also for the many acts of courtesy and assistance which they have so cheerfully extended to me throughout the whole district. I have had the pleasure of visiting all the lodges in the district and find the work done, in most instances, of a high order. Harmony and goodwill prevail. I have everywhere directed the attention of the brethren to the extra demand which must inevitably be made on the Board of Benevolence, as a direct outcome of the great war. I feel sure that any demand the Board of Benevolence find necessary to make will be responded to by District No. 12 to the last dollar.

My first official visit was made to King Edward Lodge No. 464, Sunderland, on Friday, November 19th, 1915, accompanied by W. Bro. W. M. Vanvalkenburg and Bro. F. G. Erskine, of Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby. The attendance, considering the extremely bad weather, was very good. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Doble and his officers in a most satisfactory manner. This is one of the best working lodges in the district, showing the careful supervision of Past Masters, of whom W. Bros. Shier, Dr. Oliver and Purvis, the painstaking and efficient Secretary, were prominent.

Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby. Having numerous opportunities of observing the work done in this, my mother lodge, I chose the 28th of December, 1915, the night of installation, for my official visit, when by dispensation, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was being observed. The

officers were installed and invested by W. Bro. G. W. P. Every, after which the newly installed Master and his officers closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. This, the oldest lodge, is one of the most vigorous in the district. Finances in fair shape and prospects good.

Spry Lodge No. 406, Fenelon Falls. I visited this lodge on April 12th. After general business had been disposed of, the officers of Spry Lodge vacated the chairs, which were assumed by W. Bro. Chas. Callan and officers of King George V. Lodge, Coboconk, who exemplified the first degree with credit, after which W. Bro. R. N. Mitchell and officers of Spry Lodge conferred the third degree, introducing musical ritual, which added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. This is another of our good working and enthusiastic lodges, and I shall long remember my visit to Fenelon Falls and Spry Lodge.

On May 5th. I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was conferred in a satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Philip Morgan and officers. R. W. Bros. J. B. Begg, P.D.D.G.M. District No. 12 and A. M. Fulton, P.D.D.G.M. District No. 21, were present. This the largest lodge in this district, with a host of efficient and enthusiastic P.Ms., is the centre of Masonic light for the lodges on the northern part of this district, but like my predecessor in office, I think the establishment of a second lodge here would promote the best and truest efficiency. Finances very good and prospects good.

Murray Lodge No. 408, Beaverton, was visited on May 12th, when the attendance was very large. W. Bro. F. Rilance and his officers conferred the second degree in an able manner. After labour a Banquet was tendered to W. Bro. Lt. Col. Sam Sharpe and brethren enlisted in the 116th O. S. Battalion, then mobilizing in Beaverton, preparatory to the "Great trek through Ontario County." The affairs of this lodge are in able hands and the prospects good.

On June 6th. I visited Harding Lodge No. 477 at Woodville. The attendance was good, brethren from Beaverton. Kirkfield and Cambray being present. The work, the second degree, was exemplified. The W. Master was most efficient, other officers, fair; Senior Warden absent, Secretary very able and energetic. Finances good and prospects good.

I visited Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield. on June 7th, accompanied by W. Bros. Staback and Granger of Harding Lodge and Bro. W. M. Vanvalkenburg of Composite Lodge No. 30. The work of the evening, the second degree, was conferred in a satisfactory manner. After many vicissitudes the lodge is now comfortably housed and appears to have a bright future before it.

I was accompanied on my visit to King George V. Lodge No. 498, Coboconk, on June 8th, by V. W. Bro. E. Mosgrove and W. Bros. Dr. Ross and A. E. Oliphant, and several brethren of Victoria Lodge. There being no candidate for degrees, I requested W. Bro. Callan to open and close his lodge in the several degrees, which he did with credit to the craft. This lodge is in good hands and will do a creditable year's work.

Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry was visited on June 9th, when, in spite of the inclement weather, there was a good attendance. The work of the evening was the election of officers, following which the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Munro and his officers, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Hutchison and W. Bros. Beatty and Spurr. This lodge appears to have capable officers and under W. Bro. Letcher, the Master-elect, should do better work. The lodge premises and appointments are very fine. Finances good and prospects good.

Verulam Lodge No. 268, Bobcaygeon, was visited officially by R. W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, at my request and as my deputy, on June 9th, and he reported as follows: "The lodge conferred the first degree and did the work very creditably indeed." I also visited this lodge on April 12th, when I

inspected the lodge premises and Secretary's books, and also met some of the members. This lodge has new and well-appointed rooms. Finances good. Prospects good.

On June 13th I made my official visit to Lebanon Lodge No. 139, and Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa, at a joint meeting, when at the invitation of the lodges the M. W. the Grand Master was present. The third degree was exemplified by W. M., D. M. Hall, and the officers of Lebanon Lodge in a faultless manner, which I considered the best work offered for inspection during my term of office. W. M. Thos. Hawkes and officers of Cedar Lodge assumed the chairs and closed the lodge in the three degrees with credit to themselves and the craft. There was a very large attendance, brethren of Composite Lodge No. 30 and Fidelity Lodge No. 428 and surrounding district attending to honour the guest of the evening. After refreshments the brethren reassembled in the lodge room, when W. Bro. F. L. Fowke, on behalf of both lodges, in an able and eloquent address, congratulated the M. W. the Grand Master, an old Oshawa boy, on his election to his exalted position, to which he replied in feeling terms and at some length. A programme of music, song and story, in which the Master of Ceremonies, R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon, exemplified the perfect host, brought an enjoyable evening to a close. Masonry in Oshawa is in good hands and flourishing.

I visited Somerville Lodge No. 451, Kinmount, on June 14th. There being no candidate, I requested the W. M. to open and close his lodge in the three degrees, and give the obligations, which he did in a very excellent manner. While in open lodge, the W. M., Bro. Wm. McCluny, on behalf of the members, presented W. Bro. W. M. Wellstood, with a Master Mason's emblem, in recognition of valuable services during their time of adversity. The lodge is slowly recovering from loss by fire, finances fair, prospects fair.

On June 15th I visited Arcadia Lodge No. 440, Minden. The W. M. had been installed just one

week before my visit and exhibited signs of great nervousness. There was no candidate for degree. The W. M., Bro. R. T. Hughes, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees hesitatingly but correctly, and afterwards gave me the obligations of the three degrees, which with a slight digression in one penalty, he had correct. Finances good and prospects fair.

North Entrance Lodge No. 463, Haliburton, was visited on June 16th. There was no candidate for degrees. The W. M., Bro. G. H. McBrien, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This lodge is in good hands, and uniquely housed in a little home of its own at the foot of the mountain, and is flourishing financially, with good prospects.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 39, Brooklin, was visited by me on June 18th, accompanied by W. M., E. M. Deverall and Bros. Gale and Disney of Composite Lodge No. 30. There was a fair attendance of members, and the work of the evening, a second degree, was conferred in a satisfactory manner. Finances good and prospects fair.

I regret exceedingly having to report the death of V. W. Bro. E. Mosgrove, Secretary of Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield, who died very suddenly of hemorrhage of the brain at an early hour on Saturday, June the 10th. Bro. Mosgrove was a tower of strength in his own and neighbouring lodges and had been exceedingly kind in extending the hospitality of his lodge when I made my official visit to Victoria Lodge on June the 7th. His sudden death affected me greatly, and I went to Kirkfield to attend his funeral, which was very largely attended, about one hundred members from Beaverton, Woodville, Coboconk and Lindsay Lodges being present. After the lodge had been opened, I assumed the gavel, at the request of the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, and, supported by R. W. Bros. J. B. Begg and A. M. Fulton, performed the last sad rites over the remains of our departed brother.

In conclusion let me again thank my brethren for the courteous manner in which I have been received on all my visits and to the many brethren who have accompanied me and assisted in making the year's work a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

A. T. LAWLER, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District No. 12.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I take pleasure in submitting to you my report as D. D. G. M. of Prince Edward District No. 13 for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1916.

I take this opportunity of recording my deep appreciation of the honour bestowed upon me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this high and honourable position. I also wish to express my gratitude to W. Bro. Fitzgerald, who has been good enough to act as my Secretary, for his faithful assistance in that capacity, also to W. Bro. Barker, District Chaplain, and the brethren who accompanied me on many of my official visits.

It was my privilege to visit every lodge in the district at their regular meetings, notwithstanding slight indispositions and some stormy drives. I have endeavoured to faithfully discharge the duties and responsibilities incumbent on my office, and for any shortcomings or failures I must claim your indulgence.

I have found the W. Ms. and Wardens thoroughly familiar with the ritualistic part of the work and capable of managing their respective lodges with skill and ability. In some instances improvement could be made in the floor work by instructing the Deacons more carefully, which would add materially to the attractiveness and effectiveness of the work.

The Secretaries throughout the district have been prompt and punctual in sending their summons for the regular and emergency meetings, and produced their books freely for inspection when requested, and I might say that as a whole, the finances of the lodges are carefully looked after; the work throughout is good and peace and harmony prevail.

I called a meeting of the Masters and Past Masters of the district on Thursday, October 28th, 1915, at Belleville, when a Past Masters' Association was formed, and the question of re-distribution was considered, and the decision of the meeting, which was that Prince Edward District No. 13 was perfectly satisfied to remain as they are, was forwarded by me to M. W. Bro. Malone, chairman of the committee. As there was already an existing Past Masters' Association among the Belleville lodges it was thought that to make the District Association a success it would be necessary to have an amalgamation of the two associations. At the quarterly meeting of the district association, held in Belleville, Monday, April 24th, 1916, the amalgamation of the two associations was consummated into the Past Masters' Association of Prince Edward District No. 13, with R. W. Bro. Col. Lazier as president, and R. W. Bro. Drummond, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge of Instruction.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Prince Edward Lodge, in their beautiful room, on the afternoon and evening of May 8th, 1916, at which we had the honour of having with us the M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, our esteemed Grand Master, who received a most hearty welcome from the brethren of Prince Edward District. The afternoon proceedings were opened by the W. M. and officers of Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, who received the Grand Lodge officers and the visiting brethren. The W. M. and officers of Trent Lodge Trenton, then proceeded to exemplify the first degree, which was done in a very efficient manner. Then followed the exemplification of the work in the second degree by the officers of Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, which was done in a most acceptable manner. Some discussion took place after each degree, during which questions were asked and answered by the D.D.G.M. and the respective lodges were complimented on the manner of their work.

Lodge then called off to partake of a sumptuous banquet at the Parish Hall, where nearly 200 were present, and after listening to very pleasing and instructive addresses from the Grand Master, R. W. Bros. Ponton and Cobb, W. Bros. Barber, Tobey and other visiting brethren we returned to the lodge room for the evening session when the lodge room was filled to overflowing. The third degree was exemplified by a team of P. Ms. from the Belleville Lodges in a most pleasing manner, for which the Grand Master and District Deputy complimented them. After a few remarks from the Grand Master regarding the work and his pleasure with the condition in which he found the district, the lodge was closed down in the different degrees by the officers of Prince Edward Lodge.

Fraternal Dead.

The following brethren have been reported to have passed to the Grand Lodge above during the past year from Prince Edward District:

Moir Lodge No. 11, Belleville: Bro. Chas. Boardman Foster, died Sunday, February 13th, 1916; Bro. C. Thomas Doctor, December 5th, 1915; Bro. David Jas. Fairfield, April 12th, 1916; Bro. Wm. Lott, April 18th, 1916; Bro. Wm. Allen Pringle September 22nd, 1915. St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg: W. Bro. Thomas Rowe, January 20th, 1916; Bro. Harry Corso, November 2nd, 1915. Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton: W. Bro. Walter R. Leavens, February 8th, 1916; Bro. Thos. Geo. Wright, June 4th, 1916; Bro. Wm. T. Shannon April 24th, 1916. Trent Lodge No. 38, Trenton: W. Bro. Randall Cronk, January 16th, 1916; Bro. Lewis Abbott, August 1st, 1915; Bro. Wesley Weese May 10th, 1916. Consecon Lodge No. 50, Consecon: Bro. Wm. Bowen, August 13th, 1915. Golden Rule Lodge No. 126, Campbellford: Bro. Fred. K. Benor, I.G. Colborne Lodge No. 91, Colborne: W. Bro. R. L. W. Coxall, Bro. H. Scripture. Franck Lodge No. 127, Frankford: Bro. Geo. N. Weston. Percy Lodge No. 161, Warkworth: Bro. Alex. Weatherston, July 3rd, 1915. Star in the East Lodge No. 164, Wellington: W. Bro. W. E.

McFaul. Tweed Lodge No. 239: W. Bro. Wray, February 3rd, 1916. Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville: R. W. Bro. Wm. Webster. Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto: Bro. William Donaldson, January 12th, 1916:

Official Visits.

My first official visit was made on October 20th 1915 to Percy Lodge No. 16, Warkworth, when the second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Armstrong and officers satisfactorily, books are well kept, finances and prospects fair. I called their attention to the fact that they were late in opening lodge, and that a social evening at stated times would tend to stimulate the interests of the brethren in the work and strengthen the ties of brotherhood. I was accompanied by W. W. Fitzgerald, District Secretary and six brethren from Star in the East Lodge.

On October 22nd I visited Bancroft Lodge No. 482, where we had a fine meeting. In the absence of W. Bro. Embrey, who is overseas, W. Bro. Morrison occupied the chair and exemplified the working of the first and third degrees in a manner that would do credit to any lodge, and was ably supported by a fine staff of officers. The lodge is fortunate in having a fine Secretary, who keeps the books in splendid shape; finances are good and prospects bright.

I visited Marmora Lodge No. 222 on Monday, November 15th, 1915. My visit here was one of the most pleasant, the second degree was very creditably exemplified by W. Bro. Inkster and a fine staff of officers. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to W. Bro. Capt. Gladney by Bro. E. Gus Porter, at the conclusion of a most pleasing and patriotic address by Bro. Porter, Bro. Captain Blucker was presented with a fine club bag, by Bro. R. Cook, in a fine and interesting speech. Among other speakers of the evening were R. W. Bro. Col. Ponton, R. W. Bros. Dr. Potts and Dr. Cobb. The books and finances are in good condition and prospects the brightest.

On November 16th I paid my official visit to Madoc Lodge No. 48, where we had a fine meeting. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Morrison in a manner which proved him to be a past master in the science, and was well supported by his officers. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Fitzgerald, District Secretary, R. W. Dr. Cobb and several brethren from Star in the East Lodge. The books and finances are in good shape and prospects fair.

On November 25th, 1915, I visited Stirling Lodge No. 69, where we had a most successful meeting. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Mecklejohn and a fine set of officers in a manner second to none, showing that they had the work at heart. The books are well kept, finances good, prospects bright with coming officers. We enjoyed a most pleasant fourth degree with many visitors from Marmora and surrounding lodges.

On December 2nd I had the pleasure of visiting the Belleville Lodge No. 123, when, as usual, we had a fine meeting. I was accompanied by my faithful Secretary and several brethren from Star in the East Lodge. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McCarthy and officers in a most pleasing manner. The fourth degree was quite in keeping with the good work in the lodge room and enjoyed by a large number of brethren. R. W. Bro. Col. Ponton gave a very pleasing address. We also had an interesting address from a visiting brother from Scotland. The books are well kept, finances good, prospects bright.

I paid my official visit to Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, on December 7th, 1915, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. T. Wilkins, of Trent Lodge. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McMiching and officers in a very satisfactory manner. Craig Lodge room and tracing boards are a credit to the brethren and should be an incentive to attend lodge. The books are well kept, finances and prospects good.

On December 15th I visited Moira Lodge No. 11 Belleville, when I was received in the usual warm Masonic manner, in which the Belleville brethren are artists. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Bleecker in a very creditable manner assisted by a staff of coming officers. The officers for the ensuing year were elected. At the close of the evening's labours we sat down to a fine banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The books and finances are good, prospects bright.

On December 20th I visited Lake Lodge No. 215, Ameliasburg, accompanied by District Secretary and a number of brethren. The surrounding lodges were well represented, making a record crowd for the hall. As no candidate was present I requested W. Bro. Drummond to exemplify the third degree, which he did in a very creditable manner and was well assisted by his officers. The fourth degree was a hummer, and as it was a cold night, everybody seemed to have his appetite with him. We had interesting addresses from R. W. Bro. Stafford and others. The lodge has a most efficient Secretary, finances and prospects good.

On January 4th I paid my official visit to Golden Rule Lodge No. 126, Campbellford. Had a very cold auto drive from Trenton, as train connections were poor. We had a very good turnout, but the brethren do not turn out to support the officers as they should. Probably they will have more of an incentive when they complete the new temple, for which they have started a building fund. The working of the first degree by W. Bro. Bell and officers was splendid, the books are well kept. and with more unity and working together the lodge should have the brightest prospects. After the work of the evening was ended we sat down to a bountiful supper, which was enjoyed by all; we had several interesting addresses.

On Tuesday evening, January 18th, 1916, I had the pleasure of visiting my old home-town lodge Trent No. 38, Trenton. Although one of the worst storms of the year was raging we had a fine time and splendid meeting. The third degree was

exemplified by W. Bro. Potts and officers in a manner leaving little room for criticism. The books are well kept, finances and prospects good. We had a very pleasant banquet at which we had interesting addresses from R. W. Bro. Spencer, Bro. Mayor Ireland and others.

On January 20th I visited Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton. In spite of stormy weather and bad roads we had a splendid meeting of over one hundred members and visiting brethren. As there was no candidate present I requested W. Bro. Pearce to work the second degree, which he and his officers did in a very satisfactory manner. The books are well kept, finances good and prospects brightest. Among the Past Grand Lodge officers present were W. Bros. Murch and Dr. Cobb. Over one hundred sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, which was enjoyed by all, evidenced by no one leaving till the finish. Splendid addresses were given by W. Bro. Barber, W. Murch, Dr. Cobb, Rev. Sexsmith and others. We closed with the National Anthem.

On February 14th I visited Franck Lodge No. 127, Frankford. Had a very cold drive from Trenton but was repaid by being greeted by a good turnout and fine meeting. In the absence of a candidate I requested W. Bro. Lowry to work the first degree, who although indisposed did excellent work, and was well assisted by his officers. Several visiting brethren from Stirling were present. The lodge has an efficient Secretary in W. Bro. Howell; books well kept, finances and prospects good.

On February 18th I visited Consecon Lodge No. 50, Consecon. Although it was a bitterly cold and stormy night we had a good turnout. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Cox and an efficient staff of officers, in a manner which proved that they had their work at heart, and left little room for criticism. The lodge room is a credit to the members, the books are well kept, finances good and prospects bright. The abundant repast was no exception to what Consecon Lodge usually provides for the inner man, being second to none. After an interesting address from W. Bro. Dr.

Thornton and others the evening was closed by singing the National Anthem.

On February 23rd, 1916, I paid my official visit to Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville, where I was greeted by a fine turnout. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Ackerman and officers in a manner quite equal to the high standard of work done by all the Belleville lodges, and was made more impressive by the introduction of a musical code, presided over by R. W. Bro. O', Flynn. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to two Bros. going overseas by R. W. Bro. Col. Lazier to R. W. Bro. O'Flynn in bright patriotic addresses. The social entertainment, needless to say, was a success, as is the general rule in Belleville, and was made interesting throughout by patriotic and Masonic speeches, concluding a very pleasant and instructive evening. The books of the lodge are well kept, finances good and prospects bright.

On February 29th, 1916 I visited St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg. There was a fairly good attendance and the third degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Hunter, assisted by V. W. Bro. Buck. The books of the lodge are well kept, finances good and prospects apparently bright. The fourth degree was very interesting and enjoyed by all. W. Bro. Barker, District Chaplain, gave a very interesting address. There were several visiting brethren from different parts of the district and from sister lodges to the south of us.

On March 14th, 1916, I visited my mother lodge, Star in the East No. 164, where I was greeted by an excellent turnout. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Huff and officers in a manner second to none, and I had to congratulate the new officers on their work, which makes it an incentive for the brethren to attend lodge. The books are well kept, finances good and prospects bright. The members gave me a fine banquet at which nearly one hundred sat down. I had the pleasure and honour of having at my right hand my father, the oldest member of Trent Lodge No. 38. We

had a very pleasant evening of songs and speeches, closing with the National Anthem in the wee sma' hours.

On March 17th I visited Colborne Lodge No. 91, Colborne. The attendance was only fair. W. Bro. Cochrane and officers, notwithstanding the fact of its being their first time in the chairs, exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. They have a fine lodge room, which should induce a full attendance. Books are well kept, but there are too many outstanding dues. Finances fair, prospects good.

On April 14th I visited Tweed Lodge No. 239, Tweed. This was one of the hardest trips of the year; the roads were very heavy and a cold wet storm continued throughout the entire day. I was amply repaid by the reception given me. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Logan and officers in a most pleasing manner, and the lodge room, so beautifully furnished, added to the working of the degree. The lodge is fortunate in having a very efficient Secretary, who keeps the books in fine shape; finances good, prospects bright. After the labours of the evening I was entertained in their beautiful hall below by a moving picture reel entitled "Are you a Mason?" at which the families of the brethren joined us in making a very enjoyable and social evening. I was accompanied by Bros. Stewart, Bedell and Harris of Star in the East Lodge and entertained by Bro. Sandy Grant, M.P. P., who gave us a very pleasant time.

On April 18th, 1916, I made my last official visit to United Lodge No. 29, Brighton, and it was a case of last but not least. We had a fine turnout and good meeting. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Morrow and officers in a manner leaving little room for criticism. The lodge books are well kept, finances good and prospects fine. At the fourth degree we had a very pleasant time.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN D. SHURIE, D.D.G.M.,

Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Prince Edward Island District No. 13, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confi'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'ts	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
			Total	Decrease during year	B. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular	Emergent										Total		
11	Moira	Belleville	295	6	13	11	10	6	1	3	5	11	13	10	183	38	55	184	09	Dec. 27	1915	V. good	Yes	4000 00		
17	St. John	Cobourg	171	22	6	16	13	12	6	1	3	2	13	8	21	30		30	312	03	June 24	1915	Good	Yes	1000 00	
18	Prince Edward	Pictou	235	2	6	5	3					3	14	5	19	38	155	00	11	191	25	Dec. 31	1915	Good	Yes	4200 00
29	United	Brighton	132	11	8	10	12	9	1	4		4	10	5	15	37	50	00			June 24	1915	Good	Yes	1000 00	
38	Trent	Trenton	165	12	14	10	13	4	3	3		3	12	2	14	35	74	83	2	9	00	Dec. 27	1915	1463 90	Yes	1000 00
48	Madoc	Madoc	123	3	1	2	2	3	1			1	10	1	11	22	10	00	46	277	81	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Yes	3000 00
50	Consecon	Consecon	69	2	2	2	4		1			1	14	14	21						Dec. 27	1915	A. 1	Yes	500 00	
69	Stirling	Stirling	111	9	8	9	14	13		1	5		1	13	2	15	34		39	165	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	1500 00
91	Colborne	Colborne	103	5	13	5	5	5	3	1		2	12	3	15	26	45	00	7	21	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	2500 00
123	Belleville	Belleville	266	4	8	7	5	3		1		6	12	3	15	40	140	00	97	333	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	Jointly
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	114	7	8	8	9	1		1		1	11	4	15	30	38	50	16	68	50	Jan. 1	1916	Good	Yes	350 00
127	Frank	Frankford	119		1	2	4	1	2	1		2	11	1	12	26	23	75	10	36	50	Jan. 24	1916	Good	Yes	550 00
161	Percy	Warkworth	83	5	3	3	2		3	4		1	11	1	12	14	5	00	5	90	50	June 24	1916	Fair	Yes	2000 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	127	5	7	5	4	3		6		1	13	5	18	30			14	36	50	Dec. 27	1915	Satisfy	Yes	2000 00
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	64	2	1	1	1		1			2	11	1	12	4	30	00	8	20	00	Dec. 31	1915	Bright	Yes	1000 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	96	4	8	4	4		1	6		1	10	1	11	18	56	00	21	84	75	June 27	1916	Good	Fair	2500 00
239	Tweed	Tweed	127	5	5	4	4	3	3	1		2	12	3	15	25	20	50	11	36	50	Dec. 27	1915	801 13	Yes	600 00
283	Eureka	Belleville	157	6	8	9	7	1	1	1		2	9	1	10	29	30	00	40	211	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	Jointly
401	Craig	Deseronto	105	13	11	12	8	5	1	6		3	12	5	17	32	281	00	20	112	25	Jan. 4	1916	Good	Yes	800 00
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	113	4	7	8	6	1		4		14	1	15	21	132	00	25	302	20	Jan. 7	1916	Good	Yes	2100 00	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The year of 1915-16 in the 14th Masonic district has been one of progress and my term of office closes with condition of Masonry flourishing and the relations of the lodges harmonious.

I visited all the lodges in the district with the exception of St. Andrew's No. 497, Arden; this visit was most kindly undertaken for me by R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, on very short notice, for which my thanks are given.

I tried during my visits to impress upon the officers and members of the various lodges the necessity of more careful attention to the floor work as tending to make the appearance of the lodge much smarter and more correct.

The work of the lodges of the district is quite good and uniform; it is not perfect and some few lodges are much better than the others, but I venture to say that on the whole it will compare with any of the other districts. The work of the Secretaries and their books are distinctly good. All the Wardens give their charges. I am thoroughly in accord with a suggestion made by R. W. Bro. Shanks in his report of last year, "that there is need for Masonic instruction and that if the ritualistic work were curtailed on certain nights and an hour devoted to some Masonic subject and followed by criticism or questions from the members, a larger amount of interest would be awakened, especially among the younger members.

We are not fair to our members. We take their fees but do not render full value in the way of instruction and education in our noble art," and it seems to me Grand Lodge should move in the matter.

Official Visits.

Cataraqui Lodge No. 92, Kingston, October 8th, W. Bro. T. Bishop, W. M. Large attendance and excellent work by all officers. This is the largest lodge in point of numbers in the district.

Victoria Lodge No. 299, Centreville, October 21st, W. Bro. Brown, W. M. Work, second degree well put on. The ladies provided a banquet at which the Masons wives and daughters were present, much to the pleasure of the brethren.

The Ancient St. John's No. 3, Kingston, November 4th, W. Bro. C. S. Kirkpatrick, W. M. A large attendance and good work by the officers.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146, Newburgh, November 17th, W. Bro. E. Hamilton, W. M. Work, second degree, good work and good attendance of members.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119, Bath, February 5th, W. Bro. H. T. Lindley, W. M. The night was very cold, yet the attendance was fair and the work of the first degree faultless.

Minden Lodge No. 253, Kingston, March 7th, W. Bro. W. M. Campbell, W. M. Work, first degree, well put on and a large attendance of members.

Lorne Lodge No. 404, Tamworth, April 14th, W. Bro. Richardson, W. M. Good attendance and work on the first degree well done. Being the mother lodge of R. W. Bro. Carscallen, the work in this lodge is kept keyed up by his careful oversight. The lodge regretted the laying aside of the pen of the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Aylesworth, who has filled that chair these many years and guided the brethren by his mature and wise judgment.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 228, Odessa, April 24th, W. Bro. W. Forsythe, W. M. Good work in the third degree and good attendance.

Simpson Lodge No. 157, Newboro', May 4th, W. Bro. Jas. W. Simmons, W. M. For the con-

venience of the D.D.G.M. the brethren held an emergent meeting which was quite well attended. No candidates being present, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a way that reflected credit on the officers.

Westport Lodge No. 441, Westport, May 5th, W. Bro. Brese, W. M. Good attendance and good work in the second degree. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the presence of W. Bro. W. S. R. Murch.

Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee, May 12th, W. Bro. S. Reed, W. M. Good attendance and excellent work in the second degree. After some refreshments R. W. Bro. Harrington gave a lecture on the war, with lantern slides, which was very much appreciated.

Leeds Lodge No. 201, Gananoque, May 16th, W. Bro. T. Adair, W. M. The work of the first degree, two candidates, was well done; there was a good attendance. Few lodges in this or any other district are housed as the brethren of Leeds; a beautiful room, which reflects credit upon their efforts. At the refreshments after the meeting the S. W., Bro. Cox, gave a splendid address on "Masonic efficiency."

Albion Lodge No. 109, Harrowsmith, June 9th, W. Bro. B. H. Campsall, W. M. Work, third degree, well put on.

Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeley's Bay, June 15, W. Bro. B. H. Brown, W. M. In spite of the bad weather there was a good attendance and the second degree was well put on by W. Bro. Gardiner.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 497, Arden, June 13th, W. Bro. Loyst, W. M. R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen took my place in making this visit and he reports the work of the first degree well done and the brethren most comfortably situated in their new hall and the outlook good. Secretary's books and finances in good shape.

Using an idea gathered from the P.D.D.G.M. of Georgian District and favored by the district

lodges, I called a local lodge of instruction under the auspices of Lorne Lodge No. 404, Tamworth, consisting of Lorne, Prince of Wales No. 146, Newburgh; Victoria No. 299, Centreville; and St. Andrews No. 497, Arden. The meeting was ably carried out by R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, who represented me, and he reports as follows: "The lodge opened in the first degree at 2.15 by the W. M. and Wardens of Lorne Lodge, who exemplified the work of the first degree. The chairs were then taken by the W. M. and officers of Prince of Wales Lodge, who opened and exemplified the work of the second degree. The lodge called off at 5.30 p.m. and the brethren went to the Town Hall, where the ladies of Red Cross had a bountiful supper awaiting them. Lodge resumed labor at 7.30 p.m. The chairs were taken by the W. M. and officers of Victoria Lodge, who opened and exemplified the work of the third degree. Board of Trial, exemplified by R. W. Bro. Longmore, V. W. Bro. Smeaton and W. Bro. C. R. Jones, Bro. S. E. Kennedy as candidate. After each degree the brethren were given the opportunity to criticise and discuss the work. The work was so well done all round as to afford very little room for the role of critic. Lodge closed in harmony at 10.15 p.m., and the members again repaired to the Town Hall to find an elaborate banquet prepared by the ladies of the Red Cross, and after discussing the good things served them, listened to interesting and distinguished speakers. The P.D.D.G.M. adds, the success of this plan at its inception proves that the holding of two or three local lodges of instruction will bear good fruit, the officers and brethren being well kown to each other feel more at home, and are less shy of asking questions than when surrounded by brethren whom they only meet very occasionally."

On the 7th of March a Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of St. John's Lodge No. 3, Kingston. The work was divided between the following lodges: The Ancient St. John's No. 3, Cataraqui No. 92, Minden No. 253, Prince Arthur No. 228, Albion No. 109, Maple Leaf No. 119, Union No. 9 and Leeds No. 201. Prince Arthur and Albion had not

a sufficient number of officers and Maple Leaf No. 119 did the work allotted to these lodges in addition to their own. The work was quite well done, and in the case of W. Bro. Lawley, of Maple Leaf, so well done as to call forth a cordial encomium from the Deputy Grand Master, who did us the honour of coming from Hamilton to be our guest for the occasion. He also at my request acted in the capacity of critic and we certainly benefitted by the kindly advice and criticism which he gave us. There were about two hundred members present and later at the banquet one hundred and seventy listened with rapt attention and pleasure to R. W. Bro. Wardrope and Bro. W. T. Mickle, M.P., who were the speakers of the evening.

The D. G. M's. address was a delight to all present. His ideals were high but absolutely within the scope of the member of the order, and if in the future they may be attained, Canada will be the envy of the world in all departments of her governments.

My term of office is ended and I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honour they conferred upon me, for the cordial and kindly receptions accorded me on my official visits, making this the pleasantest and most instructive year of my Masonic life. So much so that I lay down the gavel with distinct regret. My hope is that the advice and criticism which I had to offer may appeal to the brethren and the seed that I have sown bear blooms of pleasure for my successor.

I have to thank for their company and advice R. W. Bro. T. D. Minnes and V. W. Bro. J. R. Smeaton—the latter was with me in eleven out of thirteen visits—both are so well known and cordially liked in the district, their reception is little short of that accorded to the D. D. G. M. himself.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BIRKETT, D.D.G.M.,

Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Frontenac District No. 14, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
			Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total												
3	Anc't St. John's	Kingston	250	21	28	22	20	1		4	2		2	11	11	22	40	135	00	7	80	00	Dec. 28	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
9	Union	Napanee	164	4	9	8	8	3		1	10		2	13	4	17	31	161	00	31	163	25	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	306	27	26	23	20	1		1			2	12	11	23	50	346	86	12	65	00	June 15	1916	Excel't	Excel't	Yes	1200 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	66	6	3	2	2			1	5		10		10						63	70	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	2100 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	83	2	2	2	2			2			1	13	13	15	10	00		8	32	00	Feb. 21	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2600 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	72	1	1	1	1			2			1	11	4	15	16			11	101	25	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
157	Simpson	Newboro	202	7	9	9	6						2	9	7	6	36	50	00	14	84	00	Dec. 24	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	76	5	1	4	3			1			1	12	1	13	12		11	22	00	Jan. 25	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes	
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	186	15	16	17	19						4	11	8	19	43	50	00	6	88	00	June 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
253	Minden	Kingston	60	4	1	4	5			1			12	2	14	24	70	00	18	60	00	June 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
299	Victoria	Centreville	73	2	2	2	2						12	2	14	24	70	00	18	60	00	June 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
404	Lorne	Tamworth	68	7	1	7	5						7	4	4	13	30	00	19	104	00	Dec. 17	1915	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
411	Westport	Westport	62	7	2	2	2			9			1	13	1	14	20	none	18	24	00	Jan. 7	1916	354 10	Fair	No	1000 00	
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	49	15	15	6	3			3			12	4	10	15				1	12	00	Dec.	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
497	St. Andrew's	Arden	49	15	15	6	3			3			12	4	10	15				1	12	00	Dec.	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 15 for the past Masonic year. In doing so I wish to thank the brethren for the honour they conferred on me in electing me to this office. I appreciate the honour and have tried, to the utmost of my ability, to merit the confidence placed in me.

At the outset I may say that the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District is thriving and that the various lodges do the work in a manner that allows of very little criticism.

My first official act was the appointing of W. Bro. Edward A. MacKenzie, of Sussex Lodge, as District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. H. H. Bedford Jones, of Salem Lodge, District Chaplain.

January 20th, 1916, I visited Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, Athens, at which place, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey, I had the pleasure of installing the officers. Rising Sun is a flourishing little lodge and its officers are well qualified.

March 13th, 1916, I visited Macoy Lodge No. 242, Mallorytown. Here I was pleased to find the Master of the lodge, W. Bro. S. M. Mallory, in the King's uniform; he being attached to the 156th Leeds and Grenville regiment. The sincere wish of all is that W. Bro. Mallory may safely return from the front to again take his place with the brethren of Macoy Lodge. The third degree was put on in a very satisfactory manner.

April 17th, 1916. I visited my home lodges, Sussex No. 5 and Salem No. 368. On this occasion I had the very great honour of being accompanied by the M. W. the Grand Master, S. A. Luke, who gave a most interesting address to the many breth-

ren present. The third degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. Both lodges are blessed with a large number of expert Past Masters who are present at most meetings to lend their support to the presiding officers.

May 2nd, 1916, I visited Central Lodge No. 110, Prescott, where I saw the second degree conferred in a most efficient manner. Central lodge has a fine staff of officers, under whose guidance the lodge is bound to prosper.

May 11th, 1916, I visited Lansdowne Lodge No. 387. This is a good lodge, but I regret very much that the P. Ms. do not give the support they should, which is a great handicap to the sitting officers.

May 15th, 1916, I visited St. James Lodge No. 74, South Augusta. This lodge is one of the banner lodges of the district and the present officers are ably following in the steps of their predecessors in keeping up their reputation of giving the work as it should be and showing the true Masonic spirit.

May 17th, 1916, I visited Crystal Fountain Lodge No. 389, North Augusta. Though the night was bad and the roads wretched the attendance was good and the officers put on the second degree in a most satisfactory manner. Crystal Fountain is in a thriving condition.

May 19th, 1916, I visited Osiris Lodge No. 489, Smith's Falls. Osiris has a good staff of officers who put on the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. One feature of their evening's entertainment, which struck me as a good one, was an address given on the standards of Masonry by one of their officers. The Secretary told me that such an address was prepared by some one of the officers for each meeting and to my mind it adds greatly to the interest shown in the meetings.

June 9th, 1916, I visited St. Francis Lodge No. 24, Smith's Falls. Here the officers of the lodge

conferred the third degree in a manner beyond criticism.

June 9th, 1916. Owing to a mistake in arrangements I found it impossible to visit Mount Zion Lodge No. 28, Kemptville, in person, and delegated R. W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey to go in my place. He reported a good attendance of the brethren and also that the third degree was given by the officers in an excellent manner.

June 13th, 1916, I had the pleasure of visiting Merrickville Lodge No. 55, Merrickville, and of seeing the second degree given to one of our boys in khaki and also listening to a most excellent address given by W. Bro. McEwen, of British Columbia, who has just returned from the front after doing his bit.

June 14th, 1916, I visited Lyn Lodge No. 416, and saw the first degree put on in a manner that greatly pleased me. Lyn Lodge has a staff of officers the equal of any in the district.

June 21st, 1916, I visited Harmony Lodge No. 370, Delta. Here I found one of the finest appointed lodge rooms in the district; a good set of officers and the true Masonic spirit prevailing among all. The third degree was put on in a very satisfactory manner.

June 26th, 1916, I visited Otter Lodge No. 504, Lombardy, where I had the pleasure of seeing the officers installed by W. Bro. Clark Nichols. Otter Lodge, though the youngest in the district, is in a thriving condition. They have a good staff of officers and the members in general show great interest in the workings of the lodge.

True Britons No. 14, Perth. Unfortunately I have been unable to visit this lodge. Owing to the fact that their officers were not elected for the year till their April meeting and not installed till May, they could not arrange for a date for me to be with them. I have been advised, though, through the Grand Master that they are again working in harmony and though he suggested that I visit them

at their July meeting a previous engagement prevented my doing so.

In conclusion let me again thank the brethren for the courteous manner in which I have been received on all my visits and to the brethren who have accompanied me and assisted in making the year's work a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. MOWAT, D.D.G.M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in St. Lawrence District No. 15, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year		Decrease during year	Degr's Confid		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held		Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
			Men-	ber-		E. A.	F. C.		M. M.	Regular							Emergent	Total												
5	Sussex	Brockville	296	2	14	9	2	1	1	9	2	1	1	9	6	4	12	10	22	33	189	70	9	155	00	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Yes	Board
14	True Britons	Perth	126		15	5	5	1	1	4	9		2	11	9	2	11	9	13	25	60	00	22	110	00	Dec. 17	1915	Good	Yes	700 00
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	174	6		5	5	5	1	2			3	13	7	20	30	110	00	4	15	50	Dec. 27	1915	Excel't	Yes	500 00			
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	80		3	4	4	2					1	10	1	11	15			30	156	00	Jan. 1916	Good	Yes	700 00				
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	120	7	3	7	7	5	2	1			1	12	4	16	20	10	00	26	78	60	Dec. 27	1915	Good	1, 2	Yes	700 00		
74	St. James	South Augusta	81	5	3	4	5	5	1	1	1			13	13	28	40	00	20	120	00	Jan. 20	1916	Good	Yes	800 00				
85	Rising Sun	Athens	82	3	6	2	2	2	1	3			3	13	4	17	20	60	00	19	74	00	June 24	1916	Ab. 200	Yes	300 00			
110	Central	Prescott	133	6	10	4	5	2	1	1	6		3	11	4	15	25	375	00	9	28	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	750 00			
242	Macey	Mallorytown	100	4		5	5	5		1			3	11	2	13	20	100	00	11	90	00	June 15	1915	Good	Yes	1650 00			
368	Salem	Brockville	206	1	4	6	6	5	1	1	3		2	12	3	15	26	175	00	24	156	00	June 24	1915	Fair	Yes	Board			
370	Harmony	Delta	76	6	4	6	5	3		1	3		1	11	2	13	16	10	00	2	16	00	June 24	1915	Good	Yes	1800 00			
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	57	6	2	1	1	1	1	1			1	12	1	13	18	40	00	13	45	20	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Yes	300 00			
389	Crystal F'tain	North Augusta	62	7	1	6	3	3	1	1	1		1	13	13	15			2	20	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	800 00				
416	Lyn	Lyn	49	2	1	1	1	1					3	12	4	16	12	42	00	12	115	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	350 00			
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	88	5	1	4	4	5	1	1			1	10	5	15	32	50	00				Jan. 21	1916	V bright	Yes	300 00			
504	Otter	Lombardy	39		5	1	5	3					9	2	11	13							Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	500 00			

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District No. 16 for the past year.

The year 1915-16 in this district has been one of steady progress. I would first express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me in electing me to the position of District Deputy Grand Master for such a prosperous, loyal and healthy district. I also wish to thank the brethren for the many acts of kindness and consideration shown me during the year, especially to those who accompanied me on my official visits, and to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Thos. Shanks, of Ottawa, for the assistance he has given me on different occasions.

Throughout the year I have endeavoured to make my official visits as instructive and profitable as possible, and I can safely say that the work all over the district has been of a high-class character.

There has not been a single case of discord throughout the year, perfect harmony prevailing in all quarters, and the prospects of this good old district were never so bright. I can now look back with pleasure on one of the most pleasant years of my existence, and I bespeak for my successor the same kind, fraternal and friendly welcomes I have received.

I do not intend to mention any of the Secretaries in particular, but will say that I have found them all painstaking in their duties to their respective lodges, and in most cases the books are in first class condition.

Lodge of Instruction.

On April 4th, 1916, we held a very successful Lodge of Instruction at Pembroke, Ont., under the

auspices of Pembroke Lodge No. 128. The M. W. the Grand Master honoured us with his presence, accompanied by R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, of Ottawa, representatives from Ottawa, Hazeldean, Carleton Place, Almonte, Arnprior, Renfrew, Cobden, Eganville, Beachburg and Pembroke were also present.

In the afternoon the officers of Pembroke Lodge No. 128 exemplified the first degree in a faultless manner, followed by an exemplification of the second degree by the officers of Cobden Lodge No. 459, which was done in a very creditable manner, with a few minor defects.

From six to eight o'clock we were entertained royally to a sumptuous banquet, in charge of the brethren of Pembroke Lodge. Nothing could be said that would be too highly complimentary to the brethren of Pembroke for the excellent manner in which every detail of this meeting was attended to. The attendance was about 150.

At eight p.m. the third degree was exemplified by the officers of Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Beachburg, Ont., W. Bro. A. Munro in the chair. The work was well done and the assistance of the Pembroke Lodge choir added much to the beauty and solemnity of the occasion. This successful gathering was brought to a close with good, edifying speeches from the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Reid and Rev. Bro. McOdrum, the worthy Chaplain of Pembroke Lodge.

The following is the list of deaths in the district as reported to me:

July 11th, 1915, Bro. Thos. Westwick, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Ottawa; July 18th, 1915, Bro. Peter Duncan, Past J. W., Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa; September 27th, 1915, Bro. W. R. Peachey, Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior; October 5th, 1915, Bro. J. E. H. Barnet, Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, Ont.; November 21st, 1915, Bro. J. Reid, Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, Ont.; January 1st, 1916, Bro. Fred. Hilliard, Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, Ont.; January

28th, 1916, Bro. John Fenton, Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa, Ont.; February 10th, Bro. B. Mason, Charter Member, Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Beachburg; March 21st, 1916, Bro. Chas. Devlin (aged 86), Pembroke Lodge No. 128, Pembroke, Ont.; April 4th, 1916, Bro. Jas. L. Rolston, Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell, Ont.; May 25th, 1916, Bro. David Alexander, Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa, Ont.

Official Visits.

October 4th, 1915. My first official visit was made to Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Beachburg., W. Bro. Munro, W.M. Good attendance. Two third degrees, one by W. Bro. Munro and one by V.W. Bro. Leach, of Pembroke, excellent work in both instances; good healthy lodge, good prospects.

October 13th, 1915. I visited (unofficially) Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro. The consecration and dedication of this lodge was held in the afternoon. The M. W. the Grand Master presiding. In the evening the installation of the officers took place, the installing being done by R. W. Bro. Shanks and Ross. Large attendance from the city.

October 26th, 1915. Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa. W. Bro. R. P. Taylor, W. Master. Second degree, work well done by W. M. and officers. Presented P. M's. jewel to W. Bro. Hayes; also a jewel to John Huckell, Treasurer, after 21 years' service as such.

November 1st, 1915. Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, this being my home lodge. Attendance fair, three first degrees, the W. M. and officers of Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior, were present on this occasion. One degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. B. Ferguson, W.M. of Renfrew Lodge; one by W. Bro. Church, of Madawaska Lodge, with his own officers, and one degree by V. W. Bro. J. Leach, of Pembroke, with the officers of Renfrew Lodge. All work done in a creditable manner; good, social gathering.

November 12th, 1915. St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, W. Bro. Dummet, W.M. First

degree, attendance fair, work of W. M. showed lack of practice and attention, officers' work good, capable and willing. Brethren present from Arnprior, Almonte and Renfrew.

November 16th, 1915. Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa, W. Bro. W. H. Rice, W. M. Large attendance, first degree, work faultless, good officers. The M. W. the Grand Master was present. Presented P. M. jewel to W. Bro.. W B. Powers. An excellent address on the "Empire" was given by W. Bro. A. S. Goodeve, at the banquet.

December 3rd, 1915. Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Almonte, W. Bro. Thos. Dean, W.M. Good attendance, third degree, perfect work by W. M. and officers, could not be improved on. Lodge in good healthy condition and good prospects. Fine social hour after meeting. Visitors from Arnprior, Renfrew and Carleton Place.

December 13th, 1915. Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior, W. Bro. Church, W. M. Large attendance, five first degrees, two by W. Bro. Church the others by P. Ms. of the lodge, all work well done, good officers. Lodge closed sharp at twelve o'clock after a long interesting evening. Visitors from Renfrew, Almonte and Carleton Place. On the 23rd June, 1916, I had the pleasure of another visit to this lodge to install the officers. I also had with me on this visit W. Bro. W. M. Dickson, now a resident of Ottawa, and a P. M. of Renfrew Lodge; also W. Bro. John Conley and others from Renfrew.

January 4th, 1916. Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa, W. Bro. C. G. Keyes, W.M. Large attendance, first degree, W. Master's work fair, officers good. Good social hour after meeting.

January 14th, 1916. The Builders' Lodge No. 177, Ottawa, W. Bro. J. S. McAdam, W.M. Third degree, excellent work, lodge in good healthy condition, good prospects. Splendid address by R. W. Bro. Thos. Shanks on "Mission of Freemasonry."

January 28th, 1916. Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Ottawa, W. Bro. W. B. Snow, W. M. Large attendance, first degree, first meeting after installation, work perfect, good officers, lodge in good hands. At the banquet Bro. Dr. Thompson, M.P. for the Yukon, gave an excellent address on "Canada."

February 3rd, 1916. Pembroke Lodge No. 128, Pembroke, W. Bro. W. F. Garrow, W.M. Large attendance, third degree with musical service, perfect work, fine banquet after meeting, several of the prominent brethren of Pembroke Lodge gave addresses, not forgetting the instructive, eloquent address of Rev. Bro. McOdrum, the worthy Chaplain of Pembroke Lodge.

February 8th, 1916. Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa, W. Bro. A. W. Grant, W. M. Large attendance, third degree, fine musical service, W. M's. work perfect, officers fair, fine pleasant hour after meeting, address by Rev. Bro. Thompson on "Egypt."

February 18th, 1916. Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp, W. Bro. O. M. Groves, W. M. Attendance fair, first degree exemplified on candidate taken from floor, W.M's. work good, officers showed lack of interest with exceptions of J. Warden, who gave his lecture in excellent style. Twelve members of Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, faced a sixteen mile drive to attend this meeting on one of the coldest, stormiest nights of the season.

February 22nd, 1916. Cobden Lodge No. 459, Cobden, W. Bro. F. R. Taylor, W. M. Small attendance, second degree exemplified on candidate taken from floor, W.M's. work fair, officers showed lack of interest and practice, scattered membership, farming locality, prospects good. Good social hour after the lodge closed, with a splendid supper served by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

March 3rd, 1916. Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa, W. Bro. W. A. Oliver, W. M. Large attendance, first degree, work well done, the M. W. the Grand Master was present at this meeting;

good material in sight, pleasant hour spent after the meeting with a very fine instructive address from the M. W. the Grand Master.

March 13th, 1916. Bonnechere Lodge No. 433, Eganville, W. Bro. Harry Weber, W. M. First and second degrees, attendance small, W. M's. and Wardens' work good, other minor officers showed lack of interest; good prospects, good social meeting after lodge closed. Visitors from Pembroke, Renfrew and Madawaska.

• March 15th, 1916. Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, Hazeldean, W. Bro. T. W. Boyes, W. M. Large attendance, first degree work perfect, opened and closed in second and third degrees in faultless manner, fine comfortable quarters, good prospects, good social hour spent after lodge closed.

March 20th, 1916. Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell, W. Bro. Andrew Fraser, W. M. Attendance fair, third degree, work well done, good, comfortable lodge room, have made good progress since the fire of 1914. W. Bros. Proudfoot and Harrington were also present.

April 18th, 1916. Goodwood Lodge No. 157, Richmond, W. Bro. Gordon, W. M. Attendance fair, first degree, work well done, badly in need of new quarters, small, stuffy lodge room, pleasant social hour after meeting. W. Bros. Grant and Boyes and other members of Hazeldean Lodge were present.

April 19th, 1916. Corinthian Lodge No. 476, North Gower, W. Bro. A. J. Craig, W. M. Emergent meeting, attendance good, first degree work was well done, good, comfortable lodge room, good prospects. My thanks are due the W. M. and officers of this lodge for arranging this emergent meeting to suit my visit to this section of the district.

April 26th, 1916. Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro, W. Bro. Thos. Saunders, W. M. Large attendance, first degree, work perfect, some of the P. Ms. took part in the work. Visitors from Ottawa and Hazeldean; also R. W. Bro. Howard, P.D.D.G. M., of Quebec.

May 2nd, 1916. Evergreen Lodge No. 209, Lanark, W. Bro. A. Doyle, W. M. Small attendance, W. M. exemplified the first degree on a candidate taken from the floor, work fair, lack of practice on account of sickness and scattered membership. Good social hour spent after the meeting, with fine addresses from several of the brethren. R. W. Bro. Steele and others from Carleton Place were present; also Bro. H. Robinson from Perth.

Fraternally submitted,

H. COX, D.D.G.M.,

Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Ottawa District No. 16, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership	Degr's Conf'd		Total No. of all Mem.											Can W. M. work all degrees?												
				Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent		Total	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge				
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	344	11	17	10	9	8	1	6	8			3	11	10	21	43	120	00	14	253	95	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Yes	Hall C
58	Doric	Ottawa	237	13	12	10	7	7	1	1	1		4	10	5	15	43	180	00	4	51	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C	
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	202	9	9	7	9	2	1	4	1		1	3	10	7	17	25	210	00	1	35	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	6000 00
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	122	5	10	5	5	3	3	4				3	11	5	16	23	125	00	4	31	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	1200 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	182	13	5	13	9	9	1	4				1	11	6	17	23	214	90	23	155	35	Jan. 5	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1085 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte	105	6	2	4	1	1	1	1				2	11	6	13	21			11	77	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	253	17	14	17	19	5	1	2				10	8	18	37	75	00	2	92	50	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C	
159	Goodwood	Richmond	71	6	1	6	6	6	1	1				11	2	13	19			15	59	25	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
177	The Builders	Ottawa	316	21	16	16	13	14	4	1	6		7	10	13	23	56	315	90	28	304	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C	
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	111	5	9	8	6		2	4	1		1	11	5	16	21	148	20	6	48	80	Dec. 31	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	750 00	
209	Evergreen	Lanark	49	3	3	2	1	3	1					8						21	75	00	Dec. 31	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	283	11	9	7	10	11	3	3				3	10	5	15	38	220	00	22	328	75	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	265	9	5	6	5	7	2	1	3			2	9	5	14	35	215	75	27	178	25	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	197	7	8	7	10		1	1				1	10	4	14	40	30	00	16	300	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C
433	Bonnechere	Eganville	67	6	4	4	4	2	1	1				10		10	15	85	00	3	18	00	May 16	1916	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
459	Cobden	Cobden	93	2	2	2	2	2						10		2	12	15			29	123	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	350 00
465	Carleton	Carp	56	2	3	1	1		1					11	1	12	16	5	55	00	5	55	00	Jan. 19	1916	Poor	Fair	Yes	600 00
476	Corinthian	North Gower	70	5	4	4	4	4	1	4				14	2	16	19	20	00	8	24	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
479	Russell	Russell	106	12	12	10	9	1	1	1				1	14	7	21	24	180	00	48	305	20	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Good	Yes	4500 00
516	Enterprise	Beachburg	46	8	6	6	6	6	2					1	11	2	13	26					Jan. 9	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	750 00	
517	Hazledean	Hazledean	47	7	5	4	3	2	2					12	1	13	19			14	00		Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Yes	2500 00	
526	Ionic	Westboro	74	41	1	16	15	16	25				1	10	9	19	30					15	25	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It gives me genuine pleasure to report on the condition of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 for the Masonic year just closed. I realize more than I did one year ago that the privilege of being D. D. G.M. involves a great trust. I have visited all the lodges and I have endeavoured to discharge my duty with fidelity and zeal. I am thoroughly convinced that all the lodges are ruled by strong, capable masters who have been chosen for their real worth. Nothing has occurred in this district to mar the peace and goodwill that is characteristic of our fraternity. A whole-hearted earnestness is everywhere manifest to maintain the dignity of Freemasonry.

One most noticeable feature that I have observed is the spirit of research that has taken hold of Masons, young and old, in the district, and I have been gratified by receiving many letters from the brethren asking for guidance in the selection of books on Masonic lore. I feel that this spirit of research is due in no small measure to the efforts of the Past Masters' Association, of which W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe is the capable and enthusiastic president. The association makes a practice of visiting each lodge during the year. One Past Master is chosen each evening to address the brethren on some Masonic subject of interest.

Bacon in his essay "On Studies" makes the statement: "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few are to be chewed and digested." This seems to represent fairly accurately the manner in which the brethren receive Masonry; some only taste it, others swallow it whole, but blessed are those who actually chew and digest it. I have come to the conclusion that too many Masons are suffering from what might be termed Masonic indigestion.

Observations made on my Visits.

1. Each lodge has its own peculiar, indescribable thing, called atmosphere, and it is the most precious asset it possesses. It is like the aroma of a beautiful garden of flowers; silent, yet ever emitting a delightful fragrance.

2. The brightest work is done by lodges that start on time and have frequent rehearsals.

3. Masons are never bored when an appeal is made for a high standard of living.

4. I find the report of Grand Lodge is frequently read and commented on by the Masters.

5. The work is put on more impressively when several P. Ms. each take a small portion of it. There is a tendency to provoke one another to a good rendition.

6. Grand honours are given in a variety of methods, there is only one correct way.

Official Visits.

Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 518, Sioux Lookout, W. Bro. A. W. Possnett, W. M. I visited this lodge October 15th, when I had the pleasure of installing the Master and investing the officers. After this ceremony was concluded the new officers conferred the second degree on a candidate in a manner that would have done credit to an experienced set of officers. I cannot pass without mentioning the splendid pioneer work done by W. Bro. T. Palos, the first P. M. of the lodge. His mature judgment and strength of character is a valuable asset to this young lodge. These enterprising brethren are laying plans for the erection of their own lodge home. For a lodge three years old Sioux Lookout has more than made good.

Connaught Lodge No. 511, Fort William, W. Bro. R. A. McManus, W. M. On the invitation of W. Bro. A. R. Mills I made my visit of inspection at a regular meeting held October 18th. I was accompanied by several P. Ms. from the twin cities

and we received in happy terms a most cordial welcome. The second degree was conferred in a manner that showed that much time had been put on the work; the floor movements were easy and precise. It is needless to say that the work was performed to my entire satisfaction. The present Master, W. Bro. R. A. McManus, enjoys the confidence and esteem of his brethren and in his hands the success of Connaught Lodge is assured.

Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden, W. Bro. D. W. Scott, W. M. I visited this lodge officially on December 28th and was accompanied by W. Bro. D. Kay, of Kenora. One candidate was initiated. A little nervousness was in evidence at first, probably due to the gold braid on the regalia of the D.D.G.M., but this soon wore off and on the whole the work was creditably done. After the conclusion of the degree we spent a profitable hour discussing the history of the symbols mentioned in the first degree. I was most favourably impressed with the home-like atmosphere that was in evidence among the brethren.

Pequonga Lodge No. 414, Kenora, W. Bro. D. Kay, W. M. I made my visit to this lodge on December 29th. The Master is a faithful and respected official of the C. P. R., and as might be expected the lodge opened when the notice said it would. There was a galaxy of P. Ms. present, including three P.D.D.G.Ms. The second degree was conferred in a manner that left nothing to be desired. It is evident that Pequonga Lodge is strong on team work. A splendid spirit is manifest in this lodge.

Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445, Kenora, W. Bro. D. G. Roy, W. M. On December 30th, a fair attendance greeted me on my official visit. In W. Bro. Roy this lodge has a Master that gives much promise. This was his first meeting since his installation and as a candidate for the second degree happened to be called out of town, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in good style. If the members will back up their Master, I feel that brighter days are in store for this lodge.

Keewatin Lodge No. 417, Keewatin, W. Bro. A. G. Schooley, W. M. I received a most cordial welcome to this lodge on December 31st. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the remainder of the evening given over to the history and symbolism of Freemasonry. The brethren are just one great big happy family.

Royal Lodge No. 453, Fort William, W. Bro. J. D. Forest, W. M. On January 5th I was greeted by a very large gathering of the brethren; no less than twenty P. Ms. were present. The initiation of a candidate was done in a most praiseworthy manner. This lodge is doing splendid work and the prospects are excellent.

Port Arthur Lodge No. 499, Port Arthur, W. Bro. R. Routly, W. M. My visit was made at a regular meeting held on March 20th. The large attendance was most gratifying. The first degree was conferred in a most beautiful and impressive manner. This young lodge is in a splendid condition.

Shuniah Lodge No. 287, Port Arthur, W. Bro. A. V. Bliss, W. M. On March 21st, at an emergent meeting, I made my visit to this lodge. Shuniah brethren have a happy faculty of making their visitors feel at home. This is the mother lodge of the district and has a large list of P. Ms. who are known throughout these parts for their loyalty to Masonry. The second degree was conferred to my entire satisfaction. This lodge makes a practice of doing no work on the nights of regular meetings. They transact their business and give over the rest of their time to a study of Masonic topics and developing the social side of life. It is little wonder that such a splendid spirit is in evidence in this lodge.

Ionic Lodge No. 461, Rainy River, W. Bro. D. McBane, W. M. I visited these brethren at an emergent meeting on April 19th. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the candidate for the second degree, the Master opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. We

then drew our chairs together for the rest of the evening and spent an hour with a round table talk on Masonic topics. I had been led to believe that this lodge was not very enthusiastic, but I was most agreeably surprised to find manifest a good healthy zeal for Masonry.

Granite Lodge No. 446, Fort Frances, W. Bro. J. W. Walker, W. M. I was most cordially received by the brethren of this lodge on April 20th. W. Bro. Walker is a most capable and efficient officer and is well supported by the junior officers and P. Ms. The work of the evening was the passing of a candidate, it was done in a most satisfactory manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on the completeness of its furnishings and from all that I could see it has a bright future.

Fort William Lodge No. 415, Fort William, W. Bro. J. Stenhouse, W. M. This is my mother lodge and my visit was paid on May 10th. Needless to say I received a most cordial welcome from my brethren. The initiation of a candidate was the work of the evening, and the ceremony was well done. The W. M. possesses a fine delivery and has the love of Masonry in his heart; two essentials that insure impressive work. I think, however, that Fort William Lodge is too lenient in the matter of dues; there is no reason why a number of members who are well able to pay should be carried three or four years before they are suspended.

In the reports of lodges I have refrained from mentioning by name many of the brethren who are doing noble service for the craft. Masonry in this district is well blessed with many strong men, who are the leaders in their respective communities.

Fraternally submitted,

E. E. WOOD, D.D.G.M.,

Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Algoma District No. 17, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodges	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Mem- bership	Degr's Conf'd	E. A.		M. M.		Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Meet's held	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arre'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	320	3	12	3	13	8	9	7	5	6	9	12	14	12	26	43	537	00 42	498 30	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	Full			
414	Pegongia	Kenora	192	12	16	3	8	6	6	1	1	6	2	2	12	1	13	50	155	15 52	45 Ju. 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00				
415	Fort William	Fort William	251	16	7	7	7	8	1	1	4	9	3	13	13	9	22	29	155	00 53	963 15	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	26500 00			
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	95	21	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	10	15	20	00 20	264 00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00			
445	L. of the Woods	Kenora	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	13	11	4	00 11	84 75	Dec. 27	1915	Imp.	Fair	Yes	none			
446	Granite	Port Francis	96	2	6	2	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	13	21	135	00 7	93 00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	800 00			
453	Royal	Fort William	145	6	2	1	5	7	2	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	13	18	4	00 11	84 75	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Bright	Yes	None			
461	Ionic	Rainy River	94	3	1	3	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	13	21	135	00 7	93 00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	1100 00			
484	Golden Star	Dryden	70	6	3	3	5	7	2	1	6	1	1	13	2	1	15	15	73	26 2	12 00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	700 00			
499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	150	7	8	8	7	7	2	3	1	1	1	13	1	1	13	30	20	00 24	170 00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	None			
511	Connaught	Port William	54	4	5	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	14	20	10	00 3	65 00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00			
518	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	78	16	16	12	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	15	28	18	16	120 90	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00			

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my report of the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District for the year 1915-16.

I desire in the first place to express to the brethren of the district my warmest thanks for the spirit of sympathy, co-operation and sociability that has been extended everywhere I have visited and which has helped to lighten the duties, which otherwise might have been quite onerous.

My first official act, after taking office, was to appoint W. Bro. Rev. J. D. Byrnes, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. J. B. Willis, District Secretary. The assistance rendered by both these brethren in their respective offices has been very much appreciated. During the year I am glad to be able to report progress and prosperity in a marked degree throughout the whole district and a splendid degree of unity exists.

No lodge of instruction was held this year. The strenuous times, the magnitude of the district, which would make it impossible for any but a small representation to attend, and the fact that this, above all other years, our minds are absorbed in other things, it was deemed expedient to dispense with the holding of a lodge of instruction.

I was asked by the M. W. the Grand Master in October to consecrate and dedicate the Espanola Lodge and install the officers. Owing to a slight indisposition I was unable to comply and R. W. Bro. J. B. Way was requested to perform the ceremony. He, accompanied by R. W. Bro. M. J. Thompson and other visiting brethren, were kind enough to visit Espanola and perform this duty. My thanks are due to them for their timely assistance.

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On December 9th I visited Englehart and instituted a new lodge known as Englehart Lodge. I was assisted in this interesting ceremony by R. W. Bros. McAulay and Haentschel, of Haileybury, V. W. Bro. R. H. James, of Cobalt, and a number of other brethren from these two towns. After the performance of this ceremony W. Bro. Kennedy and other officers of Temiscaming Lodge gave an exemplification of a first degree, which was done in a very splendid manner. For the benefit of the officers of the new lodge we opened and closed in the three degrees. We were greeted with an attendance of about seventy-five and Englehart Lodge starts out with a very bright future.

Mattawa Lodge No. 405, Mattawa. My first official visit was made to this lodge on December 8th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Haentschel and V. W. Bro. Weegar. W. Bro. Fraser, the W. M., presided. The work of the evening was two third degrees, which were conferred by the two visiting brethren. The books of the lodge are well kept by a very efficient secretary. The attendance was good.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447, Sturgeon Falls. My visit to this lodge was made on December 13th. A splendid attendance greeted us and we had an enthusiastic meeting. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Piercy, the W. M. What this lodge lacks in numbers it retains in enthusiasm. The brethren have commodious quarters in their own building, and are in good financial condition. The books are well kept by the Secretary.

Algoma Lodge No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie. I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 14th. The attendance was good. W. Bro. Hogarth and his officers conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge is forging ahead fast and the officers all aim at perfection in their work. The books are in splendid shape.

Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie. On February 15th I paid my official visit to Keystone Lodge. The attendance was over one hun-

dred, among whom were nearly twenty P. Ms. The work of the evening was a third degree, which was very splendidly exemplified by W. Bro. Elgie, the W. M., and officers of the lodge. A male quartette added materially to the impressiveness of the beautiful degree. The manner in which the general affairs of the lodge are conducted displays in a marked degree thoroughness and proficiency.

Penewobikong Lodge No. 487, Blind River. My visit to this lodge took place on February 16th. I received a very cordial welcome from the brethren present. The work of the evening was the initiation of a candidate, which was done in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. McArthur and officers of the lodge. The lodge quarters are very comfortable and in connection there is a reading room, dining room, etc. I examined the books and found them kept in A. 1. condition by a most efficient Secretary. This lodge enjoys the reputation of being the only lodge in the district, at the time of my visit, to have not one dollar of outstanding dues over six months in arrears. This example might well be imitated by many of the lodges in the district.

Dyment Lodge No. 442, Thessalon. Had a very pleasant and interesting meeting with the brethren of this lodge on February 17th. W. Bro. Towns the W. M. and officers conferred a second degree and opened and closed in the three degrees. This was the first work done by the officers since their installation and showed preparation and thoroughness. One regrettable feature, and one that I recommended close looking after, is the large arrearage of dues. The appointments and equipment of the lodge are very comfortable and home-like.

Temiscaming Lodge No. 462, New Liskeard. A splendid attendance and an enthusiastic reception greeted me on my visit to this lodge on February 21st. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. McAulay and other P. Ms. from visiting lodges. The W. M., W. Bro. Kennedy, and officers conferred a third degree in a very impressive and satisfactory manner.

The books are well kept and the lodge is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. Several important improvements have been made in the building, which is owned by the brethren, and these materially add to their comfort and convenience. The enthusiasm for Masonry displayed by some of the brethren of this lodge is evidenced by the fact that the Senior Deacon drives eighteen miles to attend lodge and during the past two years has only missed two meetings.

Haileybury Lodge No. 485, Haileybury. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on February 22nd and was accorded a very warm-hearted reception. This lodge is fortunate in having a very bright and active set of officers and also to have the support of a number of P. Ms. who are all well skilled in the work. The work of the evening was a third degree and was conferred in an almost faultless manner by W. Bro. Attig and officers. The character and excellence of the work of the junior officers in the exemplification of this degree is worthy of mention. Haileybury Lodge can boast of one of the best equipped lodges in the country, the lighting, furniture and general appointments being all that could be desired. The books are neatly and well kept and I predict for this lodge a splendid future.

Silver Lodge No. 486, Cobalt. I visited this on the evening of February 23rd. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. McAulay, V. W. Bro. Weegar and a number of P. Ms. and brethren from Temiscaming and Haileybury Lodges. The brethren of Silver Lodge were very warm in their welcome and have the faculty of making visitors feel very much at home. W. Bro. Campbell the W. M., and officers conferred a third degree in a manner that could scarcely be improved on. The work showed an ease of manner and efficiency in a marked degree. The brethren own their own building, and their comfortable spacious lodge room with its splendid equipment would do credit to many of the city lodges. The Secretary is furnished with all the necessary books and keeps them in A. 1 order.

Cochrane Lodge U.D., Cochrane. My visit to this lodge was made on February 28th. Considering the fact that the membership is small, the attendance was very good. V. W. Bro. Weegar, W. Bro. Hallett and W. Bro. Davis, of Columbus, Ohio, were visitors. The work of the evening was a first degree, which was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Carter, and officers. The work, while fairly well done, showed a lack of freedom that comes from practice and study. The brethren are somewhat handicapped in not having any P. Ms. in the lodge where they could glean knowledge in the carrying on of their work. The quarters are comfortable and they appear to have all the equipment necessary for the proper exemplification of the different degrees. The books are neat and well kept.

Porcupine Lodge No. 506, Porcupine. I visited this lodge on February 29th and despite the fact that the thermometer registered about thirty below, and almost all of the members live in Timmins and South Porcupine, we had an attendance of nearly thirty. W. Bro. Sims, the W. M., presided, and assisted by W. Bro. Piercy and officers conferred a third degree. I have no hesitation in saying that for efficiency and correctness the officers of Porcupine Lodge rank high in the exemplification of this sublime degree of Masonry. Owing to the impassable condition of the roads and the short time between trains, no time was allowed for any remarks or for an examination of the books. A strong request is being presented at the next meeting of Grand Lodge for the removal of this lodge to South Porcupine, and in the best interests of Masonry and for a successful continuance of the lodge, this would appear to be the only thing to do.

Golden Beaver Lodge U.D., Timmins. Accompanied by R. W. Bros. Haentschel and McAulay and V. W. Bros. Hallett and Weegar, W. Bros. LeHeup and Piercy, I made my visit to this lodge on March 1st. We received a very warm-hearted welcome and were royally entertained by the Timmins brethren. The attendance was splendid. A

candidate was raised to the degree of Master Mason by W. Bro. Williams and his officers. A freedom from embarrassment and restraint and an ease of manner and delivery characterized the work throughout. Seldom have I seen a better presiding officer than the W. M. of this lodge. The books are in good condition and well kept by the Secretary. As a result of the efforts of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. McAulay, in getting them away to a good start, and from the enthusiasm of the officers and members, Golden Beaver Lodge is in a splendid condition. At the time of my visitation it had a membership of fifty-seven and to all appearances its future looks very promising.

Elk Lake Lodge No. 507, Elk Lake. Visited this lodge on March 2nd. W. Bros. LeHeup and Anderson accompanied me. The attendance was good considering that many have removed from town. Both Senior and Junior Deacons were unavoidably absent and their chairs were ably filled by the two visiting P. Ms. No candidate was available, but W. Bro. Argue gave an exemplification of the first degree. The work by both the W. M. and the Junior Deacon left little room for criticism and was conclusive proof to me that the officers who were present had a thorough knowledge of the ritualistic part of the lodge work. The Secretary has the books all in good order and well kept. The lodge is having an uphill fight on account of the great exodus from town of its members. It holds a record for enlistment. Out of a membership of eighty-four, twenty have donned the khaki, almost twenty-five per cent. of its membership. The lodge has remitted the dues of all these members and great credit is due them for their spirit of patriotism and sacrifice.

Englehart Lodge U. D., Englehart. I was accompanied on my visit to this new lodge on March 3rd by R. W. Bro. McAulay, V. W. Bro. Hallet, W. Bros. Anderson and Willis. I found the officers all in their places, except the Senior Warden, whose professional duties prevented him. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Ramsay, W. Bro. Errett and the officers. With a few minor defects,

due probably to lack of practice, the work was fairly well done. The Englehart brethren are off to a good start in their lodge equipment. Their room is spacious and comfortable and the furniture and fixtures, although not elaborate, are all that is necessary for the successful carrying on of the work. Through the kindness of one of the members the payment of all of the equipment has been arranged for, which places the lodge in a good financial position.

Espanola Lodge No. 527, Espanola. I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 8th. R. W. Bro. McAulay and W. Bro. Attig, of Haileybury, accompanied me. We were met by W. Bro. Dibblee and treated right royally. The attendance at our meeting was splendid. Every member on the register was present, but two. The work of the evening was a third degree and was conferred in a most exemplary manner by W. Bro. Dibblee and other officers of the lodge. The W. M. gave ample proof of his ability as an executive officer and the other officers were quite capable of doing their work in a proper manner. I had rather expected to find in this new lodge quarters in keeping with its short existence, but imagine my surprise when I found a beautiful attractive lodge room, a model of neatness, separate dining room and kitchen, fully equipped and a large recreation and reading room fitted with billiard tables, where the brethren spend their leisure hours. The Espanola brethren are aiming at perfection in their lodge work and the establishment of social conditions that will tend to keep up the interest and enthusiasm of the members.

Nickle Lodge No. 427, Sudbury. I visited this lodge on March 28th, in company with W. Bro. Anderson and W. Bro. W. Madill, of Toronto. The attendance, which was large, was an evidence of the interest and enthusiasm of the good brethren of Sudbury. W. Bro. McDonald was assisted by his officers in conferring the third degree on a candidate in a manner that required commendation. The general character of the lodge routine work showed progress and proficiency and the books are being well taken care of by the Secretary.

Nipissing Lodge No. 420, North Bay. I visited this, my mother lodge, on April 17th. The attendance was a record one. We were honoured by the presence of four past D.D.G.Ms. and a number of visiting P. Ms., among whom were V. W. Bro. Johnston, of Collingwood, and W. Bro. R. Le Heup, of Haileybury. The work of the evening was the initiation of a candidate, which was performed in a most satisfactory manner by W. M. Bro. Smith and officers. Two pleasing incidents were the presentation to the lodge by W. Bro. Byrnes of a nail taken from an ancient church at Amherstburg years ago and which had Masonic historic value, and the presentation by R. W. Rorabeck of a number of certificates to brethren who have enlisted for overseas. The lodge is supplied with all the necessary books which are well kept. The lodge is in a flourishing condition. Over two hundred brethren and ladies were entertained at the banquet which followed the meeting.

Doric Lodge No. 455, Little Current. I visited this lodge officially on June 20th. I had arranged to make my visit at an earlier date, but owing to circumstances, was unable to be present. This postponement was, in a measure, partly responsible for the very small attendance. Some of the officers were not present and no degree work could be exemplified. W. Bro. Henning, the W. M., opened and closed the lodge and we spent a social hour together. I examined the books and records and found them kept in splendid condition by the Secretary. The finances are in good shape, and I am glad to report only a very small arrearage of dues. It is regrettable that the attendance and interest are not as great as they should be and I sincerely trust that a return of these will be assured in the near future.

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472, Gore Bay. I visited the above lodge on June 21st and was greeted with a good attendance. W. Bro. McRae, the W. M., presided, and with the assistance of his officers, conferred a third degree in a really splendid manner. Gore Bay Lodge shows signs of activity and

progress and is manned by a very capable set of officers. One feature was the presence and support of nearly all the P. Ms, and I was assured that this was continuous throughout the year. The Secretary takes pride in keeping the lodge books in A. 1 shape and the financial condition is quite satisfactory.

Early in January I received a petition, signed by some twenty-seven brethren at Iroquois Falls, Ont., on the T. & N. O. Ry., praying for the establishment of a lodge at that place and with letters of consent from Temiscaming Lodge No. 462 and Porcupine Lodge No. 506. I visited the locality and proposed quarters for lodge purposes, but found that conditions at present did not warrant my recommending the institution of a lodge. I forwarded the petition to the M. W. the Grand Master, who declined to grant it. I trust that in the near future conditions will change, and the brethren at this point will be in a position to enjoy Masonic privileges in their own town.

In mentioning individually my several visits I have not made reference to the social side. After almost every visitation we were royally entertained at the banquet tables and the memory of the thoughtful courtesies and pleasant hours spent there will never be forgotten. I am greatly indebted to a number of the brethren of the district who, at considerable expense and loss of time, accompanied me on my rounds. Special mention is due to V. W. Bro. Weegar who was with me at some six different lodges. His cheery presence was an inspiration to the brethren wherever he went and his witty speeches at the banquet table were always a source of enjoyment.

In speaking generally of the condition of Masonry in the district, I am glad to report a splendid uniformity in the ritualistic work. The officers of the different lodges are, on the whole, aiming at efficiency in this regard. The arrearage of dues for the district is much too large. This is due largely to the present and immediate past financial condition, but I have received assurances from almost

all the lodges that a strong effort would be made to reduce the arrears to a minimum.

In conclusion, let me say that I have endeavoured to discharge my duties to the best of my ability and I surrender the gavel of office with gladness and regret. For my successor I bespeak the same loyal support, friendship and brotherly love that have been so amply bestowed on me during my term of office by the good brethren of Nipissing District.

Fraternally submitted,

N. J. McCUBBIN, D.D.G.M.,
Nipissing District No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Nipissing District No. 18, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem-ber-ship		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	F. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Deceased	Regular										Emergent	Total			
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	111	4		4	2	2			5		2	12	113	15	25	00	28	120	00	April 12	1916	Good	Good	No	600 00		
412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	387	13		18	19	27	8	1	4		4	11	30	41	61	162	328	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00			
420	Nipissing	North Bay	260	15		9	8	7	5		9		10	10	20	29	50	00	37	500	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	6000 00		
427	Nickel	Sudbury	249			12	17	19	2		3		3	13	9	22	25	242	45	39	427	75	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Spl'nd	Yes	1250 00	
442	Dymont	Thessalon	103	4		3	3	1	1				12	12	113	15		30	421	25	June 24	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00			
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	96	3		2	2	2	2				1	12	11	13	18	58	15	24	122	12	Feb. 21	1916	Good	Good	Yes	3100 00	
455	Doric	Little Current	87			4	4	4			4		1	11	21	13	18	60	00	23	48	75	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00	
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	178			6	5	12	1		10		1	13	3	16	21	60	00	25	225	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00	
469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	200	9		9	6	10	2		1		2	11	18	28	24	50	00	26	105	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
472	Core Bay	Gore Bay	74			1	1	2	2				2	2	14	9	23	24	40	346	00	June 27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	3500 00		
485	Haileybury	Haileybury	176	4		11	8	7			3		8	4	13	9	22	38	25	00	3	18	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Yes	5500 00
486	Silver	Cobalt	193			6	10	10	1		3		2	11	5	16	22	none				June 24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	650 00		
487	Penewobikong	Blind River	63	3		6	2	1			1		2	11	3	26	39	14	10	126	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1900 00		
506	Porcupine	Porcupine	128	5		6	15	21	1		1		1	13	26	39	14	110	00	11	131	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00	
507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake	84			1	2	4	8				1	12	5	17	16	1	47	30	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500 00			
527	Espanola	Espanola	30	10		9	9	7	1				12	14	10	24	14	50	00	8	176	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
528	Golden Beaver	Timmins	65	28		20	15	8	8				1	12	14	26	20	50	00	8	176	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
530	Cochrane	Cochrane	39	39		9	7	4	1				1	8	4	12	15								Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
UD	Englehart	Englehart	39	39		9	7	4	1				1	8	4	12	15								Good	Good	Yes	300 00	

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report on the state of Masonry throughout Muskoka District No. 19, I feel it to be my duty to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the many expressions of kindness shown me during my term of office. The excellent work of my predecessors in office of D.D.G.M. rendered my duties very pleasant indeed.

The unofficial visits which I paid to several lodges enabled me to get into close touch with the officers and brethren and these visits prepared the way for my official visits later in the year.

I was particularly fortunate in my choice of W. Bro. C. L. Pearce as District Secretary; his services were at my disposal on any occasion, and the assistance he rendered me was invaluable.

Acting upon the recommendation of a P.D.D. G.M., whom I met at Grand Lodge last year, I arranged for the coupling of the lodges so that each of my official visits should in reality be a Lodge of Instruction and I found that this method had many advantages, inasmuch as by it many brethren were reached who find it impossible to attend a general Lodge of Instruction and in this I had the unstinted assistance of R. W. Bros. Sharer, Grant, Edgar and Fisher, to whom I am under obligations.

It would be unfair to the Grand Lodge and to the district if I did not acknowledge the splendid work done by the Secretaries of the lodges. Davidson, of Golden Rule; Warne, of Muskoka; Fisher for Grant of Unity; Metcalfe, of Algonquin; Harris, of Corona; Church, of Strong; Bingham, of Pow-

assan and Knifton, of Granite, these brethren, P.D. D.G.Ms. and P. Ms. guide and direct the various affairs of their lodges with such truly Masonic custom, that so long as they are so directed and guided Grand Lodge shall have no cause to find fault with District No. 19.

During my visit to Bracebridge I had the pleasure of again meeting R. W. Bro. Whitten, who was so successful as District Deputy some years ago.

V. W. Bro. John McLeod, of Unity, has answered his last summons. In him Unity has lost an untiring member, Algonquin a frequent and helpful visitor and myself a personal friend.

Official Visits.

Granite Lodge No. 352, Parry Sound. To visit Granite is a privilege, but to visit it on night of installation is an inspiration. Few indeed have attained that state of perfection in ritualistic work demonstrated by R. W. Bro. Knifton; his excellence must be the incentive which has kept Granite in the foremost rank of the district.* The devotion of P. Ms. and other officers and brethren to Granite in years past is now yielding good fruit, as the trustees have accomplished the sale of the present building, which is altogether too small to meet the requirements of the ever increasing membership, and are preparing to build a temple which I hope to see in the near future used by two lodges and probably a chapter. Optimism is the key-note of Granite and the careful and painstaking work of I.P.M. Harris is being supplemented by W. Bro. Moore, who brings to his office high scholarly attainments and a fine presence.

Corona Lodge No. 454, Burk's Falls. After many tribulations this lodge has at last succeeded in obtaining and furnishing what is undoubtedly the prettiest lodge room in the district. Ambition and rectitude seem to me to be the dominating features of officers and brethren.

On my official visit the officers of Unity Lodge conferred a degree in a very highly creditable manner and the general work of the officers of Corona was in every way correct. At this visit I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Shearer and Fisher and P. M. McDonald, of Unity Lodge.

The influence of R. W. Bro. Harris and V. W. Bro. Hilliar is evident and their efforts are appreciated by all the brethren.

Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville. I have no hesitation in stating that this lodge is par excellence the business lodge of District No. 19. The assistance given the Master by the Board of General Purposes is very evident, and in my opinion, all the lodges of the district should follow the methods of bookkeeping practiced by the Secretary of this lodge. I might term my official visit to Unity, Khaki Night. P.D.D.G.M. Grant is Colonel of the Muskoka Battalion and with headquarters at Huntsville, consequently Unity is pervaded with a military spirit and the honour roll of this lodge is, I think, the largest of any in the district. On this occasion the visiting lodge was Corona and the efficiency shown by the officers in degree work was beyond question, as near perfection as it is possible to attain, and was very much appreciated by the brethren of Unity.

Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge. The virus of the black ball seems to have spent itself, and I am hoping for and looking forward to a bright future for this lodge as it has enrolled many zealous and efficient officers and members. The earnestness of W. Bro. Campbell, the present Master, goes a long way to make up for his lack of easiness in address. W. Bro. Reid, the I.P.M. of this lodge, at one of my unofficial visits, exemplified the third degree with efficiency and conveyed the meaning in a manner that is seldom attained. It is matter for regret that during his term of office so little work was given him to do. My message to Muskoka is cease discord and prosper.

Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge. This lodge closes down during the summer months and the effects were quite evident on one or two unofficial visits which I paid. As the year progressed, however, it seemed to find itself and at the time of my official visit the affairs of the lodge were running smoothly and successfully. The I. P. M., Dr. Andrews, was well up in his work and under the guidance of the present occupant of the chair I look forward to a good year. An interchange of visits between Strong and Powassan Lodges would be of much benefit and I would strongly urge upon Dr. McCombs, the present Master, to take this matter up and carry it to a successful issue.

On July 10th I attended what may be considered an historical commemoration of Strong Lodge, Sundridge. The 162nd Battalion being in camp here, the officers and brethren of Strong Lodge invited the brethren from the Battalion to attend an emergent meeting called for the purpose of initiating the Chaplain of the Battalion. It was found that the officer commanding the 162nd is one of the oldest members and a life member of Strong Lodge and it was decided to make this communication a military one, consequently all the principal and assistant offices were filled by the men in khaki, and considering that the members from the Battalion have been giving their minds to affairs military the work was exceedingly well done. Quite a number of the members of Corona Lodge attended the communication and took part in the work.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst. A visit to this lodge is a pleasure, whether the visit be official or otherwise, the deep interest which pervades each meeting is an inspiration. There is a best in everyone, and Golden Rule seems to bring it out. The deep attention, the correct procedure and earnestness are the dominant points of Golden Rule. I cannot speak too highly of this lodge. The members of Muskoka Lodge were very evident in my official visit and apparently the fraternal feeling exists between Muskoka and Golden Rule

Lodges. As there was no work on the night of my official visit, I endeavoured to give a talk on the degree work, especially touching on the working tools, their meanings and the duties of Masons.

Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale. This is really the lodge of distances made near each month. The W. M. attends regularly from Orillia, the S. W. from Novar, the J. W. from Kearney and other officers from Ravensworth and Sprucedale. It is a lodge of late beginnings and early closings, for after the work in the lodge that personal touch which has been characteristic of Algonquin from its inception begins and the brethren meeting only once a month are sorry to part. On my official visit the officers of Granite Lodge attended and conferred a degree. I noticed that the effects of the correctness of the officials of Granite made an impression on the officers and members of Algonquin.

It had been arranged that Algonquin should visit and take part in the work, in my official visit to Granite at Parry Sound, but unfortunately the W. M. of Algonquin was taken ill at that time and his visit was postponed until some future occasion.

Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan. No other lodge in the district seems to have felt the effects of the war to such an extent as Powassan. Many of the brethren have volunteered and among them W. Bro. Williams. He has been succeeded by W. Bro. Ferguson, who I feel sure will conscientiously endeavour to maintain the high standard set up by his predecessors in office. On the date of my official visit the officers and some of the brethren of Strong Lodge were present and conferred a degree with success. I would impress upon the brethren of Strong and Powassan the necessity of paying each other fraternal visits more frequently than has been the case in the past, the benefits will, I know, be mutual. They should know each other better.

The outstanding features of District No. 19, as observed by me during my year of office, are devotion, striving after perfection, and sacrifice.

Love for the craft is demonstrated in each of the lodges by the regular attendance of the oldest members, the able assistance rendered by P. Ms., and the painstaking work of the Secretaries.

Perfection of ritualistic work is aimed at by all the officers of the lodges and the great distances travelled by the members to meet and take part in the meetings must entail sacrifices known only to themselves.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. McCONKEY, D.D.G.M.,

Muskoka District No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Muskoka District No. 19, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Mem- bership	Degr's Confi'd	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
552	Granite	Parry Sound	176	7	13	6	5	1	5	5	5	2	10	4	14	27	80	00	8	50	00	Dec. 27	1915	8500	00	Good	Yes	1200	00
560	Muskoka	Bracebridge	87	4	8	4	3	2	1	5	5	2	10	1	11	16	50	00	21	93	33	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Good	Yes	300	00	
776	Unity	Huntsville	126	10	4	9	6	5	1	5	5	1	11	1	12	25	5	00	45	341	35	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	500	00	
109	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	83	9	6	6	6	1	2	5	5	4	13	1	14	20	203	54	5	40	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	1000	00	
223	Strong	Sundridge	69	5	5	5	4	1	1	5	5	1	10	1	11	19	90	00	10	61	00	Jan. 29	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300	00	
34	Algonquin	Emisdale	103	1	7	1	1	3	1	7	7	1	12	1	12	20	20	00	22	158	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	300	00	
43	Powassan	Powassan	72	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	12	12	00	14	80	00	Dec. 31	1915	Fair	Fair	.....	525	00
54	Corona	Burk's Falls	78	6	1	5	6	7	1	1	1	13	2	15	20	15	87	50	15	87	50	Jan. 4	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	450	00	

OTONABEE DISTRICT No. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting my report on Otonabee District No. 20.

I fully appreciate the honour conferred upon me in electing me to this high and important office. I also wish to express my appreciation of the kindness extended to me throughout the district. I was very cordially received and royally entertained everywhere.

Notwithstanding the dark cloud hanging over us because of the war, Masonry is progressing beyond expectations in this district.

The first official duty devolving upon me was the constitution and consecration of Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, Peterborough, and the installation of the officers. The ceremony was performed on October 4th. I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Squire, of Norwood; R. W. Bro. Kenner, of Peterborough, and several other Past Grand Officers. A sumptuous repast was served after which a good entertainment was rendered, led by R. W. Bro. Crane. This lodge is a new one, of a high order, with select officers, who are very proficient in the work, and the lodge has a bright future.

Peterborough Lodge No. 155, Peterborough. I visited this lodge on November 5th. The third degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, the Master, W. Bro. Campbell, being in the chair. He was ably assisted by his officers and such well known P. Ms. as R. W. Bros. Crane, Morrow and Rush, and W. Bros. Gibson, Hill and Fowler. The work could scarcely be put on with more pro-

ficiency. R. W. Bro. Walkey, who is Secretary of this and Royal Arthur, has no superior as a Secretary. The banquet was served in excellent taste and a good entertainment provided by a number of the members present. The attendance was the largest I have seen in the district. The candidate, Captain Munro, of the Ninety-third Battalion, was exemplary in his work.

Orono Lodge No. 325, Orono. I drove out to this lodge accompanied by a number of brethren from Pontypool. Being disappointed in a candidate they opened and closed in the three degrees. The opening and closing was well in hand. The brethren are very sociable and enthusiastic and I since notice the lodge has been doing good work and has had quite an increase in membership.

Keene Lodge No. 374, Keene. I deferred my visit to this lodge till the June meeting, expecting good motoring, but am sorry to say that a heavy rainstorm which rendered the roads practically impassable prevented my visit. I understand they have made fair progress during the year.

Norwood Lodge No. 223, Norwood. I was invited to this lodge on September 20th. On this occasion the Master, W. Bro. MacLennan, of Chateau-quay Basin, Quebec, presented the lodge with a history of its inception and progress from 1869 to 1915. This was received with gratification by the members and a vote of thanks and an illuminated address presented to W. Bro. MacLennan for his pains. An interesting ceremony was performed in this lodge in May when a memorial tablet, presented to the lodge by Lt.-Col. R. J. Stuart, a member of the lodge, and former resident of Norwood, was unveiled to the memory of Bro.. Russel Pearce, who died fighting for his country "somewhere in France." W. Bro. Dr. J. L. Hughes performed the ceremony and gave an excellent address. Wor. Bro. W. R. Murch and several others also addressed the meeting. The deceased was a son of V. W. Bro. Pearce and brother of W. Bro. Fred.

Pearce, both P. Ms. of Norwood lodge. I officially visited Norwood Lodge in May when the first degree was worked. The Master, W. Bro. Thompson, and his officers did good work. They were assisted by R. W. Bro. Squire and W. Bro. F. Pearce, both enthusiastic Masons. R. W. Bro. Pearce and V. W. Bro. J. B. Pearce still continue to take a deep interest in the craft.

Lorne Lodge No. 375, Omemee. I visited this Lodge on May 4th. The lodge is prosperous. A large number of young members were present. This should be a prosperous outlook for the lodge. The standing of the lodge is good.

Havelock Lodge No. 435, Havelock. This lodge has had a prosperous year and has bright prospects for next year. W. Bro. Anderson and the Secretary are a source of great strength to the lodge.

Hope Lodge No. 114, Port Hope. I visited here on May 5th. A fraternal visit was paid on this date by Doric Lodge of Toronto to the number of about a hundred. They exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner after which a grand dinner was served. A large number of Masons were present from other lodges. After dinner Doric Lodge rendered a very entertaining programme which was immensely enjoyed by all. Hope Lodge's hospitality in the social line certainly knows no bounds.

Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield. My visit to this lodge was on June 6th. It is in a very progressive condition. The first degree was put on. The work was well done. R. W. Bro. Hull and V. W. Bro. Fraser are still enthusiastic in the work.

Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope. Good Friday was the occasion of my visit here. The work was of a high order. The Master and officers seemed to take especial care to have the work as nearly perfect as possible. The P. Ms. take an

active part in the affairs of the lodge. A good repast was served, after which the brethren indulged in song and speech. We had an enjoyable night.

Durham Lodge No. 66, Newcastle. The brethren are to be congratulated on their good work for such a small place. It was April 27th, and the work was an initiation. W. Bro. Hoar is a good worker.

J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook. They have very neat quarters here and the lodge has a prosperous appearance. Owing to train connections not being good and also late trains, I did not see much of the work but am satisfied the officers are efficient. April 26th was the date.

Corinthian Lodge No. 101, Peterborough, March 17th. I witnessed some good work here by the W. M. Bro. J. F. Allin, assisted by his officers and P. Ms. Nesbitt, Walker, Winch and Morpeth. We had a good meeting. The standing of the lodge is excellent.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 31, Bowmanville. This is one of the best lodges in the district. The hall is very neatly and tastily decorated. The work is of a high order. The books are well kept. The members are justly proud of their reputation. The date was April 27th and the work was an initiation which requires no comment.

The many demands for funds for war purposes decided the question of a Lodge of Instruction. This and the large amount of work to be done was the reason for leaving it over this year.

I take this opportunity of thanking the lodges which contributed towards the regalia. I was pleased to note that all but a couple fell in with the new plan arranged by R. W. Bro. Bonnycastle at the last district meeting. I think we should be all of one accord in the matter.

I must not forget to call the attention of the brethren to the loyal spirit of Masons, as exhibited

by the number of the brethren from the district who have enlisted. Some have even paid the extreme penalty, having given their lives in defence of right.

In conclusion, I again thank the brethren of the district for the very hearty reception given me wherever I went. Too much cannot be said of the brotherly feeling existing among the brethren of this district.

Fraternally submitted,

H. T. ANDREWS, D.D.G.M.,

Otonabee District No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Otonabee District No. 20, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'r's	Total of all arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance				
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.														
26	Ontario	Port Hope	147			7	8	7			7			15	2	17	20	278	00	40	250	00	June 21	1916	Good	Yes	1200	
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	148	4		11	9	4	1					1	11	3	14	31	195	00	7	22	00	June 24	1915	Good	Yes	500
66	Durham	Newcastle	62	1		3	4	4						1	11	3	14	31	195	00	12	100	00	July 5	1916	Good	Yes	210
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	180			8	6	2					2										June 24	1916	Good			
114	Hope	Port Hope	163	10		10	6	8	2				3	14	7	21	39	80	00	30	300	00	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Yes	1200	
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	70	3	4	3	2	3						1	11	2	13	14		6	40	00	June 29	1916	Good	Yes	500	
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	75	14	7	12	10	11	1	1	3		4	13	5	18	32	105	00	18	166	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Excel't	Fully	
223	Norwood	Norwood	101	3		3	3	2	1				1	12	3	15	20	191	40				June 24	1916	Good	Yes	700	
313	Clementi	Lakefield	104	4	1	5	4	4		4			7	1	8	10							July 17	1916	Fair	Yes	1000	
325	Orono	Orono	57	10		7	6	6	4				11	2	13	16	17	00	4	17	00	June 24	1916	Good	Yes	400		
374	Keene	Keene	32	2	3	2	2	2						1	12	2	14	8					Dec. 31	1915	Good	Fair	No	
375	Lorne	Omenee	76	5		5	5	5					12	12	18		71	00	19	121	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	500		
435	Havel ck.	Havelock	130	10		4	5	5	1	5		5	2	10	2	12	23		13	219	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	800		
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	53	9		8	10	8	3				11	9	20	20	50	00					Dec. 27	1915	Good	Yes	Fully	

EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I herewith tender my report upon the condition of Masonry in this district for 1915-16. All lodges have been visited, the work is proceeding harmoniously and the prospects are fair. The year's responsibilities have afforded me many pleasant experiences and the opportunities which the supervisory work, presented and which I sought to utilize, have convinced me that there is no reason why the office of the District Deputy Grand Master should be considered one of honour only, for it may be employed for the prosecution of strenuous labour in the cause of social betterment.

Definition.

Section 67 of the Constitution states that the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master are to visit each lodge in the territory over which he presides and, while doing so, to see that the work is orthodox and that the financial returns are regularly forwarded to the Grand Secretary. In short, that his work is inspectoral and inquisitorial. Such a definition does not call for any very pronounced ability and could scarcely attract men of wide experience in social work. But, as the sovereign authority relative to an institution which has zealously guarded and defended liberty of thought, an essential principle in human development, the Grand Lodge has been true to its traditions in not stultifying, through excessive delimitation the usefulness of her district officials. Much is left, therefore, for the Grand Master's representatives to work out for themselves. Thus authority and definition do not intrude upon individual effort, and instruction and inspiration may be combined, as the Deputy Grand Master for the district associates himself with the brethren in the various lodge centres over which he has jurisdiction. It is in the department of interpretation that an official visitor

may find scope for the exercise of any special ability which he may possess, though the "right way" relative to the exemplification of the ceremonies looms large in the minds of those before whom he appears. And this attitude deserves commendation whenever it has reference to matters of real importance, for no truth can be efficiently taught unless those entrusted with the delineation of the same are masters in their craft.

The Modus Operandi.

There is a vital untruth in the assertion that all men are equal. This dogma became a philosophy at a time when special privileges before the law and in regard to the possession of the amenities of life were enjoyed by those who had no inherent right to the same. From this limited application it passed to a universal disbelief in the great natural law that both physical and spiritual qualities are unequally distributed among men. While general superiority or inferiority is non-existent, one man may be superior to another with respect to attainment in one department and inferior to the same as to qualifications in another. He who fails to recognize this principle is not only unacquainted with Freemasonry but is ignorant of the meaning of life itself. In what sense, then, are we to define the Masonic landmark, Equality? Some assert that it has reference to the unanimity of purpose characterizing all who seek to be enrolled among its membership. This is nearer the true interpretation, but even this explanation presupposes the possibility of identical aims, which would necessitate physical and spiritual equality, an impossibility, as we have noted above. All affirmative answers to any set of questions, though given by different individuals, mean what each one interrogated understands by the inquiries. Equality can have no distinct significance in life apart from liberty and fraternity. It represents in nature the possession of certain common physical experiences—identity of nomenclature but not of content. In society it stands for the granting to each that freedom of action which is consonant with the weal of all. In Masonry it

proclaims the doctrine of "Liberty of Interpretation." The general admission of the law of special superiority and special inferiority would provide opportunity for instruction. It is because of the tacit recognition of this principle that the enthusiasm of an officer may pervade the ranks and thereby all may win a measure of distinction.

Lodge Work.

The main work of a lodge is to confer degrees, that is to teach. The two requisites are officers and the candidate, the audience forming only a stimulus to official effort. The candidate is the all important member of the trinity, he is the one to be instructed, everything should have him in view, officers should strive to excel that they may be able to give him the true impression, while verbal accuracy is to be highly commended, expression is more important, the impressive rendering of each part of the ceremony by the various officers entrusted with the same is the ideal the performers should constantly seek to attain.

The importance of the degree work brings up the advisability of limiting the number conferred on any single occasion. Does repetition tend to lessen effectiveness? This will depend upon those participating therein. I have worked degrees from 9 p.m. till 12.30 a.m. without intermission and enjoyed the last as well as the first. Large lodges kindly note that there are centres where a Past Master is not a common species. I have been, intermittently, a performer and a listener for as long a period and my interest did not flag. Still, there is a pretty general desire that some method should be devised whereby time might be saved for discussion upon the work of the officers and for exposition of the symbolism employed. One lodge in this district has put itself on record, for the guidance of the W. M. in this respect, that it is in favor of working but one degree at any single communication, unless a majority of those present thereat request the W. M. to do otherwise. While appreciating such a decision I can foresee circumstances which might militate against its successful operation; in the first

place the initiatory formalities could not be postponed very satisfactorily on account of the financial situation in many lodges; further, the candidates might not like delay and no lodge should constantly disregard what its candidates may desire; once more, the work might become very much congested unless emergent communications were frequently held, which would be impossible with the lodges in small centres.

In connection with my official duties I required the conferring of but one degree at any single visit. This gave sufficient illustration to enable me to estimate the ability of the officers in charge. I thus had time to correct the irregularities in the work and to address the brethren on some phase of Masonic history, philosophy or ceremonialism, as I may have thought fit to select.

It is a mistake of serious import to combine a large amount of formal work with interpretive addresses upon the same. I was present, unofficially, at a city lodge meeting, when such was attempted. The essayist on that occasion had the extreme pleasure of witnessing numerous withdrawals from the audience just prior to his appearing on the programme. I was not acquainted with the brother who presented the paper nor with the conditions that necessitated the retirement referred to, so am simply using the circumstances for illustrative purposes. The rule should be, if there is extensive work, permit the same to have its due effect; if a qualified brother has been requested to deliver an address, give him ample opportunity by curtailing other items upon the order paper. I am unalterably opposed to frequent addresses at the communications of the fraternity, for, when recurring at short intervals, they tend to interfere with the great work of the lodges—the teaching of principles through the conferring of degrees, but I am in hearty sympathy with a modicum of this work. Each lodge, I think, if possible, should endeavour to have two occasions in each year, exclusive of the one when the D.D.G.M. makes his visit, when attention should be given to instructive work apart

from ceremonial exemplification. At these assemblies start promptly, have only unavoidable business, confer but one degree, and thus give ample time for the address and for questions relating to the same. I have sometimes thought that it would be wise to have a competent brother review the work occasionally, thus rendering assistance to the officers, with a view to the more effective performance of the ceremonies over which they preside. But then again, the epithet "competent" might present interpretive difficulties and thus lead to results wholly at variance with the purpose suggested. Notwithstanding its antiquity nor the relentless criticism it has undergone, the institution of our choice is steadily gaining ground, so we who are now in nominal control of its destinies should not fancy that the climax has been reached.

At the commencement of my supervisory work I thought it wise to exercise the authority vested in me by Section 75 of the constitution, so appointed W. Bro. G. A. Ryan, of Riceville, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. K. H. Palmer, of Hawkesbury, District Chaplain. Through stress of private concerns these officers were unable to accompany me upon my official visits.

Plan of Inspection.

On account of illness my predecessor was unable to do any visiting prior to the last two months of the Masonic year, which necessitated some lodges having two inspections under one staff of officers. In arranging the work this year I decided to distribute my visits over a period of eight months, from October to May, omitting April as unsatisfactory for travelling. This plan, if generally followed, would be much more satisfactory than if all the inspections occurred after installation in December. I might add that all but one of the lodges in Eastern District No. 21 install on December 27th.

Schedule of Visits.

Williamsburg No. 480, October 21st, 1915.
Excelsior No. 142, October 22nd, 1915.
Cornwall No. 125, November 11th, 1915.

Maxville No. 418, November 12th, 1915.
 Chesterville No. 320, December 21st, 1915.
 Avonmore, No. 452, December 22nd, 1915.
 St. John's No. 21a, January 18th, 1916.
 Farran's Point, No. 256, January 19th, 1916.
 Alexandria No. 439, February 1st, 1916.
 Wales No. 458, February 14th, 1916.
 Lancaster No. 207, February 15th, 1916.
 Friendly Brothers' No. 143, February 16th, 1916.
 Henderson No. 383, February 18th, 1916.
 Cardinal No. 491, March 10th, 1916.
 Hawkesbury, No. 450, March 16th, 1916.
 Plantagenet, No. 186, May 15th, 1916.

Grand Master's Visit.

One of the leading events of the year was the visit of the M. W. the Grand Master Bro. S. A. Luke. In making arrangements for the same, we tried to have the occasion a thoroughly representative one. Cornwall was selected as the entertaining centre and the brethren there measured up to our expectations, for nothing was left undone to ensure the success of the meeting. Delegations from twelve of the sixteen lodges in the district, besides visitors from several foreign jurisdictions and from other centres in our own were present to meet the chief official of the order. Through the media of such gatherings a more intimate relationship becomes possible, among the lodges themselves in the first place, and between the rank and file of the membership and the officials of the sovereign body in the second.

Rearrangement of the District.

On October 26th, 1916, a circular, giving a summary, for local purposes, of one received from M. W. Bro. Malone, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the redivision into districts of the Grand Lodge territory, was sent to Past District Deputy Grand Masters. An expression of opinion was solicited. In reply three views were advocated. As I consider the District Deputy Grand Master represents the whole district it was my duty to forward to the

central committee the various suggestions offered. This was done, but in addition I appended criticisms of each and concluded with an expression of my own opinion upon the composition of the district as it now stands. The plans proposed were as follows:

1st. Eliminate the lodges located at Vankleek Hill, Riceville, Maxville, Alexandria and Hawkesbury, substituting therefor lodges from St. Lawrence District No. 15.

2nd. Authorize the appointment of a committee each year, the retiring D.D.G.M. to be chairman, to accompany the latter's successor on his official visits, with a view of seeing whether the lodges had acted upon the suggestions offered by the I.P.D.D.G.M.

3rd. The district, as now constituted, is eminently satisfactory.

To these I submitted the following objections:

(a) View No. 1, while definite as to the composition of the district, made no suggestion regarding what was to be done with the lodges whose exclusion was desired.

(b) View No. 2 had only a very indirect bearing upon the question at issue. It called for more machinery; it could not fail to lead to a conflict of authority between the Committee and the representative of the Grand Master; it placed too much emphasis upon the value of the proposals of one official.

"All are needed by each one,
Nothing is fair or good alone."

(c) View No. 3 had the most supporters and with this view I concurred. While doing so I pointed out what a visit to each of the lodges would entail upon me. All my visits were made by rail, supplemented where necessary by livery. The total distance travelled amounted to 1,700 miles, and the time required for same occupied twenty-four days. Such a tax upon one's time means a considerable

burden, but, so far as the writer is concerned, it was willingly borne and the severance of the pleasant relationships which his official work created will be appreciably felt.

The Committee removed the defect in the first proposal by adding the five lodges concerned to Ottawa District No. 16, at the same time eliminating from the latter nine lodges to form the new district of Renfrew and one to be added to St. Lawrence District. There can be no question that the five lodges are more conveniently located to Ottawa District than they are to the other lodges in Eastern District. If the success of the work necessitated a division, the one proposed is, in my opinion, the best that could be suggested. What the result is to be will be determined by Grand Lodge.

Visitors.

The following past and present Grand Lodge officers attended communications of other lodges than their own, on the occasion of my official visits.

M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, G.M., at Cornwall; R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, D.D.G.M., 1904-05, at Cornwall, Morrisburg and Wales; R. W. Bro. Rev. C. O. Carson, D.D.G.M., 1908-09, at Cornwall; R. W. Bro. H. C. Jones, D.D.G.M., 1910-11, at Riceville; R. W. Bro. O. D. Casselman, D.D.G.M., 1911-12, at Williamsburg; R. W. Bro. R. T. Nicholson, D.D.G.M., 1912-13, at Cornwall; R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bradley, D.D.G.M., 1913-14, at Cornwall and Riceville; R. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Pitts, P.G.C., at Aultsville and Wales; R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Stewart, P.G.C., at Cornwall, Vankleek Hill and Riceville; V. W. Bro. A. S. Morrison, P.G.S., at Williamsburg; V. W. Bro. P. B. Proudfoot, G.S., at Chesterville.

Work Examined.

The work staged for my inspection consisted of nine initiatory degrees, two F. C. degrees, and two M. M. degrees. Three lodges, Maxville, Avonmore and Williamsburg, did not confer any degrees on the occasion of my official visit. I was present at elections in two centres and was Installing Mas-

ter for Plantagenet Lodge No. 186. In general, the officers showed the required skill, though in some cases there were many defects. These were not always due to the same cause and so should not be viewed from the same standpoint nor judged by the same standard. So far as it was possible to determine, the officers whom I inspected viewed their work seriously, which is the first requisite for success in any department of labour. I take pleasure in adding that in every case my review of the work presented was most appreciatively received by the officers and members of each lodge visited. I found throughout the district a sincere desire to learn and an equally strong sentiment to give credit for help received. All the lodges, with the exception of Maxville No. 418, have had additions to their membership through initiation, the total increase from this source being slightly greater than that for 1914-15; and about equal to that of 1913-14.

Addresses.

Preparatory to the inauguration of my inspectoral tour I outlined addresses upon a number of subjects pertaining to Masonic history and interpretation. It has been my privilege to deliver twelve of these addresses, though fewer than I had intended, for I had expected to treat of a different subject at each one of my visits. This was rendered partially impossible by request of interested participants and because the work in more than one lodge harmonized with a particular subject. The few repetitions occurred at widely separated centres. It will be a most pleasant memory for me to think that the brethren in different localities requested me to publish the complete series in book or pamphlet form. Believing, as I do, that Freemasonry offers an adequate explanation of life's phenomena, I could not but appreciate the opportunities, which my official position provided me, for interpreting its philosophy. In this way I hope I have been instrumental in placing before the lodges in my inspectorate, an ideal worthy of attainment, while valuing, at the same time, the hopes and aspirations of those who came to hear me.

Invitations.

I was invited by the committee in charge of the erection of the new Masonic temple for Russell Lodge No. 479, to be present at the laying of the corner stone of that edifice on October 6th, 1916. Through stress of work at the time I had to decline the invitation.

Through the kindness of W. Bro. R. P. Taylor, the W. M., during 1915, of Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa, I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Henry Cox, D.D.G.M., of Ottawa District No. 16 when he paid his official visit to that lodge on October 26th, 1915. The large attendance at this communication must have been an inspiration to the official visitor as well as to all others who participated in the events of the evening.

Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa, through the Secretary, W. Bro. C. B. Patten, extended an invitation to me to be present at the regular meeting on November 16th, 1915. R. W. Bro. Cox, D.D.G.M., was to be present officially on the occasion and the order paper contained a large number of degree notices as well as several items of a purely business character. In reply I expressed regret that my own official work would prevent me being present, but promised to visit the lodge at some future time, which promise I have thus far been unable to implement.

There have been very few instances of defective interpretation of the constitution. Slight irregularities, however, relative to Sections 148, 163, 189, 205, 219 and 243 have come under my observation. Amendment has either already taken place or has been promised, the latter having reference to Nos. 148 and 219 only.

I was asked as to the eligibility of an applicant for initiation, whose occupation, giving him no settled abode, had necessitated his continual absence from his childhood home for seventeen years, the same being within the territory of the lodge, and a brother of the petitioner being a member of

the latter. In ruling against the applicant, I pointed out that neither place of birth nor domicile of relatives could override the residence requirement of Section 185 of the constitution. I intimated, however, that had the petitioner returned to his home for the major portion of each year, the ruling of M. W. Bro. McPherson, No. 5, in Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1915, might have admitted of his application being received, provided that there was no other particular that would nullify the same.

The following question was submitted to me for adjudication:—If through lack of a quorum, a regular communication, properly summoned, did not take place, must the items of business appearing on the summons for the same be entered on those for another meeting, before such may be considered by the lodge?

I ruled that any constitutional matter or business affecting the by-laws of the lodge, should appear on the summonses until dealt with, but that any other question might be considered at any regular meeting without further notice. My decision was based on Sections 161 and 218 of the constitution and on Section 8 respecting trials.

The Broken Ranks.

“And they shall thereupon
Take rest ere they be gone
Once more on the adventure brave and
new.”

Several lodges have suffered through the death of worthy members, and beside their graves, those who had been linked with them in fraternal association, publicly expressed the Freemasons' faith in brotherhood, God and immortality. The following names have been reported to me:—W. Bro. Rev. S. Gower Poole, P. M., of Cornwall Lodge No. 125; W. Bro. Allan John Marsh, P.M., and Bro. Robert Thompson, of Friendly Brothers' Lodge No. 143; Bro. James E. Brownell, M.M., of Avonmore Lodge No. 452; and V. W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany, K.C., P. G.J.D., of Alexandria Lodge No. 439. In addition

three lodges have participated in the obsequies of two brethren from foreign jurisdictions: Bro. Rev. A. H. Visser, of Ashlar Lodge No. 31, G. R. Q., and Bro. McRae, of Carlyle Lodge No. 17, G. R. S. Friendly Brothers' Lodge No. 143 conducted the funeral service over Bro. Visser, who at the time of his demise was the Methodist clergyman in Iroquois; while Alexandria Lodge No. 439 and Maxville Lodge No. 413, at the request of the lodge in Saskatchewan, had charge of the ceremonies at the funeral of Bro. McRae. I was personally acquainted with only one of the deceased brethren, V. W. Bro. Tiffany. When officially visiting Alexandria Lodge on February 1st, Bro. Tiffany took charge of my introduction to No. 439, acted as S. D. in the F. C. degree, which was worked on that occasion, and gave a very interesting address at the banquet which followed the lodge room proceedings. Six weeks later our brother had gone. He was a man of many parts; a skilled musician, a poet and able lawyer and an erudite Mason. In the ranks of the fraternity he had attained to the Grand Junior Deaconship, having held that office in 1914-15. The craft has lost a faithful friend and Alexandria Lodge a devoted member.

“Nor blame we death, because he bare
The use of virtue out of earth;
We know transplanted human worth
Will bloom to profit, otherwhere.”

Detailed Review of Lodge Work.

A supervising official, when inspecting a lodge, should seek to combine completeness of review with a thorough appreciation of the work from the standpoint of those whose efforts are to be gauged. He should also distinguish clearly between fixity of ceremony and matters of opinion. In this way he would be able to avoid the positivism of the faddist and the laxity of the latitudinarian.

Williamsburg, Maxville, Avonmore. I had no special work to examine at any of these centres so asked those in charge to open and close the lodge in the three degrees. There was considerable hesi-

tancy at times, the officers being in doubt as to the correct procedure. In this regard the errors occurred chiefly in connection with the work of the Deacons, which seemed to indicate that these officials had not participated in the ceremonies with sufficient frequency to ensure that accuracy which is essential to good work. To make the difficulty greater in the case of two of the lodges, only one of the Deacons was present. No lodge should allow the year to elapse without guaranteeing each officer the complete training which his rank entitles him to receive, and all officials should strenuously labour to attain the same.

Williamsburg Lodge No. 480 was the first upon my official tour, W. Bro. E. J. Barkley, the W. M., being in charge. I was informed by the efficient Secretary that there were no arrearages as regards dues. The attendance of members and visitors was creditable, the spirit prevailing in the lodge excellent, and the entertainment at the close all that could be desired. R. W. Bro. O. D. Casselman, V. W. Bro. A. S. Morrison, and Bro. Rev. W. T. Keough, of St. John's Lodge No. 26, G. R. Q., Mansonville, were among the visitors.

W. Bro. P. A. McNaughton, W. M., presided on the occasion of my visit to Maxville Lodge No. 418. The attendance was not large but the interest manifested supplied the deficiency in numbers. The gathering was made more attractive from the fact that a member of the lodge, Bro. Dr. Morrison, who was about to leave for Europe to join the Army Medical Corps, was made the recipient of a handsome club bag. W. Bro. T. W. Munroe, in making the presentation, referred to the part No. 418 had already taken in the war; for two brethren who had been made Masons in this lodge had fallen in action in France, one of them a brother of the present S. W.

The annual election of officers was the principal event at Avonmore Lodge No. 452, W. Bro. C. S. Nesbitt, W. M., presiding. Promotion was generally followed. There was a very large attendance of members, among whom were many P. Ms.

At the informal luncheon which, concluded this very interesting communication, many questions of Masonic import were discussed, the brethren evincing keen interest in the explanations given.

Excelsior, Cornwall, Chesterville. The work in each of these lodges was the initiatory degree. The officers in charge had held their positions for almost the entire year so should have been well skilled. It must be noted, however, that Excelsior Lodge had not conferred any degrees for a long time. As a consequence a greater number of errors might have been expected, but even after making all necessary allowance for this cause, the work was poorly done. At Cornwall and Chesterville the ceremonies were effectively exemplified, the officers in both centres generally manifesting such familiarity with their duties as to enable them to work together for the portrayal of a complete scene. Mistakes were made but they were not such as to mar the general effect. Clear articulation and deliberative expression are necessary for the proper rendering of the solemnities of the degree. In these particulars the officers of Nos. 125 and 320 had very fair success. My visit to Excelsior Lodge No. 142 occurred in October. The communication was well attended, visitors being present from Nos. 143, 256 and 480. W. Bro. R. H. Ashton, W. M., conducted the work of the evening, being assisted in portions of the ceremonies by W. Bro. S. W. Wood, who gave the charge most effectively, and Bro. Wm. Thwait who acted as J. W. with credit to himself and the lodge. Both these brethren belong to 143. Three P.D.D.G.Ms. were present, R. W. Bros. R. H. Hanes, of No. 256, and R. C. O. Carson and Dr. W. C. Davy, both of the home lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. B. A. Herring, is a capable officer.

At Cornwall I had the pleasure of welcoming to the district M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, the Grand Master. The large gathering was a thoroughly representative one and at its close the brethren tendered a banquet to the G. M. and myself at which the usual toasts were honoured. W. Bro. A. C. Wyatt, W. M., presided in the lodge room,

while W. Bro. H. Williams acted as toastmaster in a most excellent manner. It is interesting to note that the candidate on this occasion was the American Consul stationed at Cornwall. R. W. Bro. John Ridley, P.D.D.G.M., is the efficient Secretary of No. 125. The communication was honoured by the presence of seven Past Grand Lodge officers in the persons of R. W. Bros. Harkness, Hanes, Garson, Ridley, Nicholson and Bradley, all P.D.D.G. Ms., and Stewart, P.G.C. W. Bro. J. G. Craig, W.M., presided at the communication of Chesterville Lodge No. 320, which was largely attended. Visitors from Avonmore, Dutton and Russell were present, among whom were V. W. Bro. Dr. P. B. Proudfoot, G. S., and W. Bro. A. A. Fraser, P.M., both of No. 479. The initiatory ceremonies were made much more interesting from the fact that the candidate was a young soldier, invalided home from the trenches in Western Europe. The annual election of officers was the principal business transacted. I had not previously visited the splendid new home of Chesterville Lodge, but the reports that I had read prepared me to expect something much above the ordinary, and I was not disappointed. Among the many Past Masters present were R. W. Bro. O. D. Casselman, P.D.D.G.M., V. W. Bro. A. S. Morrison, P.G.S., and the veteran Tyler, W. Bro. Moad, the latter being over eighty years of age.

St. John's, Farran's Point. I visited these lodges in January, the officers being in charge for the first time. The E. A. degree was conferred in both centres. In St. John's the work was disconnected, no evidence of that unity so necessary to histrionic achievement being discernible as each successive actor appeared upon the stage. One could scarcely avoid the impression that the officers viewed their connection with the ceremonies as an independent one rather than as subsidiary to the development of a single plot. Quite the reverse of this was the case at Farran's Point, where each official materially contributed to what was an undoubted success. It should be noted, however, that whereas the J. W. of the latter lodge was un-

able to give his special work, the same officer in No. 21a exemplified it in a very fair manner.

W. Bro. Donald Adams, W. M., presided on my visit to 21a. He could not confer the complete degree but the able assistance of V.W. Bro. S. N. Morrison and W. Bro. James Westgate supplied the deficiency. Among the visitors present were R. W. Bro. Rev. Stewart P.G.C., and W. Bro. Cheney W. M., both of No. 439, and Rev. Bro. Morgan, of Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa. St. John's had been seriously handicapped in not being able to secure a permanent Secretary, but this was overcome by the election of Bro. G. S. Otto.

The work in No. 256 was in charge of W. Bro. Chas. B. Rombough, W. M. The attendance was very satisfactory, visitors being present from Nos. 458 and 462, among whom was R. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Pitts. The business was not comprehensive but was conducted with despatch. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, P.D.D.G.M., was not present, V. W. Bro. Simeon Gove was an interested participant in the business.

Wales, Lancaster. These lodges were inspected in February, when the officers in each centre exemplified the ceremonies of initiation. While in No. 207 all the regular officers were present, in No. 458 the S. W. and J. D. were absent. The work was well done in both instances, though more completely in the former, for the J. W.'s specialty was omitted in No. 458.

W. Bro. O. F. Eaman, W. M., conducted the proceedings in Wales Lodge. Among the large number present were visitors from Nos. 207, 256, 452 and 462, including R. W. Bros. R. H. Hanes and F. E. Pitts. W. Bro. Wm. H. Empey, I.P.M., assisted the W. M., while W. Bros. Manning and A. Adams acted as S. W. and J. D. respectively. V. W. Bro. Warren takes an active interest in the lodge's welfare. Wales Lodge is financially strong.

On the occasion of my official visit to Lancaster Lodge the W. M., W. Bro. G. A. Watson, presided, his work throughout being of a very high order.

W. Bro. C. McRae gave a most effective rendition of the charge. R. W. Bro. R. T. Nicholson and V. W. Bro. J. P. Snyder, who are always interested in matters pertaining to the lodge's welfare, were present. It was a great pleasure to meet again friends of other days whom I had known as Masons and non-masons when I was a High School teacher in the district. No. 207 has a splendid home, a well-qualified staff of officers and a growing membership.

Cardinal, Hawkesbury. These two lodges conferred a first degree when examined in March, thus concluding the initiatory ceremonies which fell to my province to value. I should like to commend the officers of No. 491 for the careful enunciation of every portion of the work; this quality was not generally manifested in No. 450, which militated against the presentation of a single scene. It should be thoroughly understood that an officers' duties are not satisfactorily discharged when his words are audible to the candidate only, for, since the latter is an emblem, in addition to being a novitiate, all should hear. It is a flagrant error to conclude that only the W. Ms. work concerns the unofficial membership. The J. W. of 450 rendered his address with due deliberation, whereas the same officer in No. 491, though excelling in every other way, spoke too rapidly. This characteristic fails to appreciate the position of the candidate.

My visit to Cardinal was heralded by a severe storm, which prevented many from attending. I was welcomed to the town by several P. Ms. and officers of the lodge and later was a guest at the home of the I.P.M., W. Bro. Dr. Locke, who is a very enthusiastic Mason. W. Bro. Wallis Fletcher, W.M., presided in the lodge room but did not exemplify the complete degree. His work was ably supplemented by W. Bros. Wormington, Kingston and Locke, a trinity of very efficient P.Ms. All candidates in No. 491 have to show much more than the usual acquaintance with the ceremonies before they are considered qualified for advancement. It is an interesting fact that each W. M., on his retirement, furnishes the lodge with a framed photo.

of himself, a custom which will, in due time, provide an artistic collection of great historical value. It is worthy of being noted that the brethren in this centre have placed themselves on record as in favour of working but a single degree at any communication, unless a majority of those present there-at request the W. M. to do otherwise..

W. Bro. E. B. Slack, W. M., was in charge of my official visit to No. 450 and performed all duties pertaining to his office in a very creditable manner. The attendance was most satisfactory, visitors being present from Nos. 21a, 58, 186 and 405, in our jurisdiction, and from No. 81, G.R.Q. A splendid banquet concluded this very interesting visit, at which the usual toasts were honoured, the speakers including W. Bro. Slack, of the home lodge; Rev. Bro. Garrett, of Doric No. 58, Ottawa; and others. A unique feature of this communication, from my own point of view, was the presence of former pupils of mine in Public and High School work from four different centres.

Alexandria, Friendly Brothers'. The inspection of these lodges occurred in February, in both centres the work presented for valuation being a second degree. The officers in No. 439 assume their positions in June, while those in No. 143 commence their work in December; the former would thus have the advantage in length of service. It is necessary to mention, however, that No. 439 had very little work prior to my visit. The ceremonies were well exemplified in both instances, the W. Ms. erring in exactly the same manner. The defect furnished an illustration of the difficulty of practising and preaching at the same time, for, when the Worshipful brethren were instructing the candidate they failed to observe that they were not "standing examples" of the principles they were elucidating.

W. Bro. H. L. Cheney, W. M., conducted the proceedings in No. 439 with due impressiveness. Two of the leading officers, the S. W. and the S. D. were absent, R. W. Bro. G. A. Bradley and V. W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany filling the offices for the occasion.

The attendance, owing to the prevalence of sickness, and to the icy condition of the streets and highways was not large. I was much pleased to learn that the lodge has a representative at the front, Bro. Wm. Bannerman, who is in the Transport Service. In charitable work No. 439 does not restrict its efforts to helping members of the craft, for, on the occasion of my visit, a creditable sum of money was voted towards alleviating the conditions under which a reputable citizen of the town was living, the same person not being a member of the order. The events of this very pleasant gathering was terminated by a banquet, the toasts being proposed or replied to by R. W. Bros. Bradley and Stewart, V. W. Bro. Tiffany, W. Bro. Cheney and others.

On the occasion of my official visit to No. 143 the W. M., W. Bro. Edward Strader, officiated in a very acceptable manner. Among the large number present were visitors from Nos. 28, 142 and 480. The officers are well skilled. The W. M. has the assistance of a number of efficient P. Ms., among whom is the able Secretary, W. Bro. S. W. Wood. A most interesting time was spent in discussion upon the various ceremonies of the craft, the questions asked showing accurate observation and careful thought. It is important to add that no candidate is considered qualified for promotion until he is much more intimately acquainted with the ceremonies already conferred than is usually the case. An elaborate banquet brought the gathering to a close.

Henderson. For my inspection this lodge exemplified the M. M. degree, with W. Bro. J. D. Stewart, W. M., in charge. The work was performed with the impressiveness befitting the occasion. No candidate is advanced in No. 383 until he has given evidence of more than ordinary proficiency in the ceremonies already conferred. The J. W. and the I. G. were not present, W. Bros. G. A. Dixon and G. H. McKeown supplying for the absent officials. A severe storm deterred those who lived at a distance from attending; those present included visitors from Smith's Falls, Aultsville, Erin and Massena,

N.Y. A number of questions were asked, in answering which I took occasion to remark that all procedure suggested should have its value attested by the feasibility of reasonable explanation of the same. After a number of brief addresses had been given, an informal lunch was served, which terminated the evening's proceedings.

Plantagenet. My last official visit was to Plantagenet No. 186, the lodge in which I was initiated into the mysteries of the craft. There was a large attendance, over eighty-five per cent. of the available membership being present, besides visitors from Nos. 21a and 439, among whom were R. W. Bro. H. C. Jones and W. Bro. E. H. Elvidge, and R. W. Bro. G. A. Bradley, R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Stewart and W. Bro. Dr. H. L. Cheney. W. Bro. H. H. Hillis, W. M., and his assistants conferred a third degree with very fair results. While some of the officers will have serious difficulty in exemplifying successfully the more comprehensive ceremonies, which promotion may place under their charge, the Deacons and the Inner Guard did well, though the former erred fundamentally on three occasions. Considerable prompting and some repetition occurred both of which are weaknesses in ceremonial exemplification. Judged in its entirety however, the degree was impressively rendered, notwithstanding the official mistakes. My review of the work was not in any sense exhaustive, for I deemed it better under the circumstances to treat of salient features only, bringing each officer's duties into prominence in some particular. At the conclusion of the lodge room proceedings, the brethren repaired to the banquet hall. The menu provided was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed. Short addresses were delivered by R. W. Bros. Jones, Bradley, Stewart and others. W. Bro. G. A. Ryan, Secretary of No. 186, was Director of Ceremonies for the occasion. Two members of the lodge, Bros. A. P. Cooper and Dr. F. B. McIntosh, have enlisted for war service in Europe.

Plantagenet Lodge has, almost invariably, had to conduct its labours with an incomplete staff of

officials, a condition largely due to its widely scattered *clientele*. During the past two years, owing to the Grand Lodge having granted a change of meeting place from Plantagenet to Riceville, there has been material improvement in this particular, for the large local increase in membership has made regularity of attendance possible and as a consequence an officer passes through several ranks instead of receiving too rapid promotion or of being passed over as incapable. Even with the above improvement, No. 186 will continue to have a somewhat limited field from which to select its official staff. Since the change in location two years ago, the members of this lodge have erected, and fully paid for, a commodious hall, valued at over fifteen hundred dollars. This edifice, metal-sheeted throughout, is a two-storey structure, the lower one being used as a banqueting room and the upper for general lodge purposes. As a protection there is an insurance of twelve hundred dollars on building and contents.

From its inception in 1867, to the present time, this little lodge has presented a striking example of Masonic faithfulness. In its early history the local field was promising, but gradually it began to depend on territory farther and farther removed, until but two or three members remained in the precincts of the lodge. When the writer was J. W. and S. W. he resided twenty-two miles from the meeting place. Amidst the changes, however, the light of Masonic truth was kept burning brightly, the same lessons were taught, the same sacrifices made. In February, 1917 its semi-centennial will have been attained.

Valedictory.

In reviewing the work which I have been permitted to perform, I deem it important to call attention to certain essentials for the adequate representation of lodge ceremonies. Those who have to exemplify these ceremonies should, of course, be fully cognizant of the requisites for successful work, but the general membership are not exempt from their application. The *sine qua non*s are:—

1. The emblematic value of the candidate.
2. The unity of each degree.
3. The philosophy of the series.

There should never be any attempt on the part of an inspector to interfere in the slightest degree with the individuality of an officer, for it is the personal equation which lends interest and originality to the portrayal of a plot; reason, instead of authority; teaching in place of telling, are the desiderata.

It has been my privilege to address over fifty per cent. of the actual membership of the district over which I have presided during the current year; this would mean more than seventy-five per cent. of the resident brethren. I have thus related myself to the Freemasonry understood and practised in No. 21. My experience would lead me to testify that the faddist is unknown therein, that the membership generally desire to work intelligently, to learn from others and to live our creed.

In concluding my official work and relinquishing its responsibilities to my successor, I take pleasure in stating that the receptions tendered me were most cordial, that the review of the work in each centre was appreciatively received, that the addresses given were listened to with manifest interest and that the brethren, whom I had the good fortune to meet, place a high value upon Freemasonry and endeavour to make its principles operative.

Fraternally submitted,

M. W. SHEPHERD, D.D.G.M.,

Eastern District No. 21.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Eastern District No. 21, from June 24th, 1915, to June 24th, 1916.

No. of Lodges	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Total of all arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance							
				Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Deceased					Regular	Emergent	Total							Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'ts				
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	66	3		3	2	2	2	1	2			9	211	12	100	00	13	177	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	1000 00		
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	139	1		5	6	6	2	1	2			2	10	4	14	30	120	00	4	16	00	June 28	1916	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	70	1		2	2	2	2	2				1	12	12	11	5	00	2	5	00	Dec. 20	1915	Good	Good	Yes	275 00	
143	Friendly Bros	Iroquois	104	2		5	5	4	1	1				3	13	4	17	12	17	64	00	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Good	Yes	350 00		
186	Plantagenet	Riceville	64	3		3	4	4	1					13	13	16	5	00	17	62	00	June 27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00		
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	125	4		3	4	4	1					5	3	8	13	46	336	50	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	1350 00			
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	98	2		8	8	8		1	3			2	12	12	20	10	75	00	Feb. 16	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00			
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	105	6		8	5	4						2	12	12	22	24	00	16	86	00	Dec. 27	1915	Fair	Good	Yes	2900 00	
383	Henderson	Winchester	94	5		3	3	3	3	1	2			14	14	15	19	82	50	May 14	1916	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00			
418	Maxville	Maxville	71	3		1	1	1	1	1	2			2	12	13	16	17	00	30	159	00	Dec. 28	1915	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00	
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	64	4		1	1	2	1	1	5			1	12	13	12	75	00	23	296	00	June 24	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	72	4		4	3	3	2	1	3			11	11	15	25	226	75	Dec. 27	1915	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00				
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	101	3		7	5	6	1					2	13	13	20	4				June 24	1916	Good	Good	No	not given	500 00	
458	Wales	Wales	89	1		5	5	4		2	2			12	12	18	40	00	14	51	00	June 26	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
480	Williamsburg	Williamsburg	44	1		1	1	1	1					1	14	15	20	1				Feb. 3	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		
491	Cardinal	Cardinal	63	2		3	3	2	1	1				12	12	14	25	1				June 26	1916	Good	Good	Yes	250 00		

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, begs to report as follows:

Your Committee, having examined the various books, and records presented to them by lodges under dispensation, recommends that warrants be granted to the following:

Golden Beaver, No. 528, Timmins.
Myra, No. 529, Komoka.
Cochrane, No. 530, Cochrane.
High Park, No. 531, Toronto.
Canada, No. 532, Toronto.
Shamrock, No. 533, Toronto.

And that the dispensations granted to Englehart Lodge, Englehart, and Phoenix Lodge, Fonthill, be continued for another year.

Re Elysian Lodge No. 212, Garden Island—Surrender of Warrant.

From the correspondence submitted to your committee it appears that the business formerly carried on at Garden Island, and which made the maintenance of a lodge at this point possible, has been closed out, and that Elysian Lodge decided to surrender their warrant to Grand Lodge. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that as the Warrant, Minute Book, Jewels, etc., of the lodge are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, he be instructed to retain same and to issue certificates to the several members of Elysian Lodge showing their standing in the lodge in accordance with Section 255 of the Constitution.

Re Porcupine Lodge No. 506, change of location, Porcupine to South Porcupine.

Your Committee have examined the correspondence submitted in the matter and beg leave to advise that all notices necessary to be observed in procuring a vote of the members of the lodge seem to have been fully complied with. That the vote in favour of the change of location was carried by a substantial majority and that the District Deputy Grand Master recommends that the wishes of the lodge be carried into effect. We, therefore, recommend that the petition be granted and given effect to as soon as a proper place of meeting is provided in South Porcupine, satisfactory to the District Deputy Grand Master and properly dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry.

Your Committee wish to again call the attention of Grand Lodge, and particularly the Grand Secretary's office, to the unsatisfactory class of lodge books sent in by some of the lodges asking for warrants. Lodges receiving dispensations seem to be allowed to procure any kind of books they desire, and in consequence each lodge provides itself with whatever books the judgment and experience of their Secretary dictates, and in some cases they are entirely unsuitable. We would, therefore, recommend that Grand Lodge instruct the Grand Secretary's office to provide a standard set of lodge books, including Members' Register, Visitors' Register, Minute Book, General Membership Record Book, Cash Book and Ledger, and as each dispensation is granted and before the lodge is instituted the brethren to whom the dispensation is granted must provide a set of these standard books for the purpose of the lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. YOUNG,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED MASONIC MUSICAL RITUAL.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Your committee, appointed at the last regular communication of Grand Lodge to consider and report upon the desirability of adopting a uniform musical ritual for use throughout the jurisdiction, have carefully considered the subject and beg to report as follows:

1. Communications have been had with a large number of lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

2. Replies have been received from almost all the lodges with whom communications have been had as above stated, and each and every one is heartily in favour of same.

3. The proposed musical ritual consists of two parts, one hymnal and the other chant work. Herewith submitted is a copy of each part.

4. Your committee have satisfied themselves that with the exception of the music for the following tunes, namely:

Vox Delecti, Pentecost, St. Clement and Hesperus, satisfactory arrangements can be made with the owners of the copyright thereof, and as to the four above mentioned, your committee have communicated with the parties requesting permission to use the music, but at the present time replies have not been received from Europe; and if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made with the said owners, then of course it will be impossible to use those particular tunes, but substitutes can be provided without difficulty. Copies of the communications above referred to are filed herewith.

5. Enquiries have been made as to the probable cost which will be approximately as follows:

For 1,000 copies \$700.00 (cost per copy 70c).

For 5,000 copies \$1,190.00 (cost per copy 24c).

For 10,000 copies \$1,790.00 (cost per copy 18c).

6. Your committee therefore recommend that the proposed hymnal, hymn work and chant work, be adopted by Grand Lodge as a musical ritual for use in constituent lodges, and that 5,000 copies at a cost of approximately \$1,190 be ordered and that they be retailed by the Grand Secretary to members of the craft at 50 cents each.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. DAVID McPHERSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on proposed Masonic Musical Ritual be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Grand Secretary presented the following Notices of Motion received by him within the time prescribed by the Constitution.

By M.W. Bro. John E. Harding.

No. 1. That Section 124 of the Constitution be amended to read:—

124. The annual meeting of Grand Lodge shall be held at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of the third Wednesday in May, at the place decided upon at the previous annual meeting.

No. 2. That Section 117 of the Constitution be amended to read:—

117. The accounts shall be closed on the 31st day of March in each year. They shall be audited continuously during the year by a professional accountant to be named by the Board, and an abstract thereof certified by the auditor as correct shall be prepared

and sent to each lodge not later than the 1st day of May in each year. (See Section 103.)

No. 3. That Rule No. 3 respecting Grants for Benevolence, in the Constitution, be amended to read:—

3. All applications for relief must be made upon a printed form, which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for. They shall be sent to, and be in the possession of the Grand Secretary before the first day of April immediately preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in each and every year. It is imperative that the fullest possible information be given in the several blanks in such printed form, whether the application is made for the first time or for the renewal of a grant.

No. 4. That notwithstanding the provision of Section 35 of the Constitution, all brethren who shall have filled any elective or appointive office in Grand Lodge for the shortened Masonic year beginning on the 20th of July, 1916, and ending on the 16th of May, 1917, shall be entitled to past rank as though they had served the full term of twelve months.

By M.W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.

No. 5. That Section 45 of the Constitution be amended to read:—

45. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any annual meeting thereof by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice in writing, stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration, shall have been given at the preceding annual meeting, or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary before the first day of May preceding the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, and published in the notice paper. Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge shall not be reconsidered at any time within five years after such rejection, except leave be given by Grand Lodge by a two-thirds vote, such vote to be taken without debate.

No. 6. That Clause 7 of Section 84 of the Constitution be amended to read:—

He shall, on or before the fifteenth day of May in each year, send to each lodge and to every officer of Grand Lodge, copies of notices of motion.

No. 7. That Rule No. 61 respecting Trials for Masonic offences, in the Constitution, be amended to read:—

61. When a lodge recommends to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 34, that a brother be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Board, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem

just or expedient. Should such a recommendation and papers reach the Grand Secretary in sufficient time to admit of the service of a notice upon the convicted brother, the Grand Secretary shall serve a ten days' notice upon him, either personally or by registered letter addressed to him at his last known address, requiring him to appear before the Board of General Purposes two days preceding the annual communication of Grand Lodge to show cause at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled for his offence.

By M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed.

No. 8. That Section 129, sub-section v. (i) be amended to read:—

(i). The report on Fraternal Correspondence.

By R.W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden.

No. 9. That Section 245 of the Constitution be amended by altering item number twelve with respect to fees payable by each lodge to Grand Lodge for every member, to read:—

For every member of each lodge, one dollar per annum.

By V.W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany.

No. 10. That Section 194 of the Constitution be repealed and that the following be enacted in lieu thereof:—

194. No person shall be initiated in a lodge if, on the ballot, black balls equalling in number more than five per cent of its members actually residing within its jurisdiction appear against him.

By R.W. Bro. John Kerr Bryden.

No. 11. That Section 3 of the Constitution respecting representation at Grand Lodge meetings by proxy be amended by adding thereto the following:—

Except in Algoma District No. 17, where any lodge in the district may appoint a proxy resident in the district who is not a member of the lodge, and such proxy shall not represent more than three lodges.

By R.W. Bro. W. J. Drope.

No. 12. That paragraph number two in the charge to the newly initiated Candidate, in the Constitution, be altered to read:—

As a citizen of the world I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of the state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the ruler of the country of which you are a naturalized citizen.

By R.W. Bro. W. J. Martin.

No. 13. That Section 255 of the Constitution be amended by adding after the words "raised in a lodge" in the fifth line of the said section:—

All Master Masons must prove their proficiency in the third degree, which must be recorded in the books of the lodge, and that the Grand Secretary shall receive, from the Secretary of the lodge, notice that the newly raised candidate has proved his proficiency by being examined in open lodge, before the Grand Secretary is required to issue a Grand Lodge certificate to such member.

By W. Bro. Joseph Whyte Rogers.

No. 14. That Section 199 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following:—

“the medium of communication to be determined by a majority of the representatives, one from each of the said lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, present and voting, at a meeting called for the purpose, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. ”

By M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

No. 15. That the report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge in 1915, in connection with the re-distribution of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the re-constitution of the districts, be adopted, and that the changes therein recommended in the re-distribution of lodges and re-constitution of the districts shall immediately become effective.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Constitution and Laws, begs to present the following report, and wishes to state, for the information of the members of Grand Lodge, a very large number of whom have not seen the notices of motion to be presented to Grand Lodge, that its said Committee, in so far as these notices of motion are concerned, do not in any way deal with the merits of the motions, but simply decide whether there is any legal objection to such motions being placed before Grand Lodge for discussion.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By M. W. Bro. Harding to amend section No. 124, changing the date of the annual communication from its present date to the third Wednesday in May. There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge for discussion.

2, 3, 4.- Should the above motion carry, then the M. W. Brother's motions 2, 3 and 4 would also require to be

passed to regulate the conditions consequent upon the altered date, and there is no legal objection to the said motions being placed before Grand Lodge.

5. By M. W. Bro. Macwatt, to amend section 45. The object of this motion is to substitute the word "May" for the word "March," before which date the notices of motion should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary. There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

6. By M. W. Bro. Macwatt, to amend clause 7 of section 84 by changing the date from the 1st of April (as in that clause) to the 15th day of May. There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

7. By M. W. Bro. Macwatt, to amend rule 61 respecting trials for Masonic offences. The object of this motion is to make it possible for a convicted brother to have his hearing before the Board of General Purposes two days prior to the annual meeting, instead of appearing before Grand Lodge, and another change with respect to Masonic offences. There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

8. By M. W. Bro. Freed, amending section 129 subsection V (i) by changing the word "Foreign" to "Fraternal." There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

9. By R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, to amend section 245, item 12, by striking out the words "fifty cents" and inserting the words "one dollar." There is no objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

10. By V. W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany, to repeal section 194, and enacting in lieu thereof as follows: "No person shall be initiated in a lodge if, on the ballot, blackballs equalling in number, more than 5 per cent. of its members actually residing within its jurisdiction appear against him." There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

11. By R. W. Bro. J. K. Bryden, to amend section 3 by adding the words as follows: "Except in Algoma District No. 17, where any lodge in the district may appoint a proxy resident in the district who is not a member of the lodge, and such proxy shall not represent more than three lodges." There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge, as five years have now elapsed since the similar motion was voted down by Grand Lodge.

12. By R. W. Bro. Drope, shortly, to amend paragraph No. 2, in the charge to the newly-initiated candidate by striking out the words "Sovereign of your native land," and substituting therefor the words, "Ruler of the country of which you are a naturalized citizen." There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

13. By R. W. Bro. W. J. Martin, to amend section 255 by making it a condition precedent to his obtaining his G. L. certificate, that the newly-raised brother should prove his proficiency in the third degree, etc. Whilst there is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge, your Board have found that this proposed motion if passed, would conflict with sections 45, 203 and 255, and inasmuch as the R. W. Bro. has not perfected his motion by adopting measures therein or otherwise to harmonize, or otherwise amend said sections 45, 203 and 255, the board cannot recommend the passing of said motion at the present time.

14. By W. Bro. Joseph Whyte Rogers, to amend section 199 by the following addition: "The medium of communication to be determined by a majority of the representatives, one from each of the said lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, present and voting, at a meeting called for the purpose, subject to the approval of the Grand Master." There is no legal objection to this motion going before Grand Lodge.

15. By M. W. Bro. Malone, report of a special committee in connection with the redistribution of lodges in the jurisdiction and the reconstitution of the districts, for adoption by Grand Lodge, which the M. W. Bro. has put as a notice of motion. There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED RE-DISTRIBUTION OF THE LODGES AND RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE DISTRICTS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed at the last annual communication for the purpose of re-distributing the lodges and re-constituting the districts in this jurisdiction begs to report as follows:

The committee met at the City of Toronto on October 9th, 1915, when M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone was elected chairman and R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn was added to the committee.

After considerable discussion and reference to the proceedings of the committee re Re-distribution of Districts in or about the years 1886, 1903 and 1904, the following basis for work was unanimously agreed upon:

1. To ignore municipal, parliamentary and geographical boundaries.
2. To group the lodges so as to bring those in each District within easy distance of each other.
3. To so arrange the lodges as to have due regard to railway, stage and general travelling facilities.
4. To equalize the districts where same is possible.
5. To create new districts if it shall be found to be in the interest of the craft in general so to do.
6. To allot a reduced number of lodges to each district so as to enable the D. D. G. M. to give increased attention to each lodge, thus producing better results.

A circular was issued to the District Deputy Grand Masters and much correspondence and many personal interviews followed, to all of which your committee gave full and faithful consideration.

The committee now recommends that the lodges in this jurisdiction be re-distributed and the districts re-constituted as follows:

PROPOSED RE-DISTRIBUTION OF LODGES AND RE-CONSTITUTION OF DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1 (16 Lodges.)

No. 34—Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 402—Central	Essex
No. 41—St. George's.....	Kingsville	No. 403—Windsor.....	Windsor
No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 413—Naphtali	Tilbury
No. 47—Great Western	Windsor	No. 448—Xenophon	Wheatley
No. 267—Parthenon	Chatham	No. 457—Century	Merlin
No. 274—Kent	Blenheim	No. 488—King Edward	Harrow
No. 290—Leamington	Leamington	No. 500—Rose	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim	Comber	No. 521—Ontario	Windsor

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1a (18 Lodges).

No. 44—St. Thomas	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. David's	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Mark's	Port Stanley	No. 327—Hammond	Wardsville
No. 120—Warren	Fingal	No. 336—Highgate	Highgate
No. 140—Malahide	Aylmer	No. 364—Dufferin	Melbourne
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 386—McColl	West Lorne
No. 232—Cameron	Dutton	No. 390—Florence	Florence
No. 245—Tecumseh	Thamesville	No. 391—Howard	Ridgetown
No. 255—Sydenham	Dresden	No. 411—Rodney	Rodney
No. 282—Lorne	Glencoe	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2 (20 Lodges.)

No. 56—Victoria	Sarnia	No. 294—Moore	Courtright
No. 81—St. John's	Mt. Brydges	No. 312—Pnyx	Wallaceburg
No. 83—Beaver	Strathroy	No. 323—Alvinston	Alvinston
No. 116—Cassia	Thedford	No. 328—Ionic	Napier
No. 153—Burns	Wyoming	No. 392—Huron	Camlachie
No. 158—Alexandra	Oil Springs	No. 397—Leopold	Bridgen
No. 194—Petrolia	Petrolia	No. 419—Bismarck	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock	Watford	No. 425—St. Clair	Sombra
No. 260—Washington	Petrolia	No. 437—Tuscan	Sarnia
No. 263—Forest	Forest	No. 503—Inwood	Inwood

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3 (20 Lodges.)

No. 20—St. John's	London	No. 344—Merrill	Dorchester Sta
No. 42—St. George's	London	No. 345—Nilestown	Nilestown
No. 64—Kilwinning	London	No. 358—Delaware Valley	Delaware
No. 107—St. Paul's	Lambeth	No. 378—King Solomon's	London
No. 190—Belmont	Belmont	No. 379—Middlesex	Bryanston
No. 195—Tuscan	London	No. 380—Union	London
No. 209a—St. John's	London	No. 388—Henderson	Ilderton
No. 289—Doric	Lobo	No. 394—King Solomon	Thamesford
No. 300—Mount Olivet	Thorndale	No. 399—Moffatt	Harrietsville
No. 330—Corinthian	London	No. 529—Myra	Komoka

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4 (18 Lodges.)

No. 33—Maitland	Goderich	No. 233—Doric	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James	St. Marys	No. 303—Blyth	Blyth
No. 84—Clinton	Clinton	No. 307—Arkona	Arkona
No. 133—Lebanon Forest	Exeter	No. 309—Morning Star	Carlow
No. 141—Tudor	Mitchell	No. 332—Stratford	Stratford
No. 144—Tecumseh	Stratford	No. 456—Elma	Monkton
No. 154—Irving	Lucan	No. 478—Milverton	Milverton
No. 170—Britannia	Seaforth	No. 483—Granton	Granton
No. 224—Zurich	Hensall	No. 493—St. Marys	St. Marys

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No 5 (10 Lodges.)

No. 93—Northern Light	Kincardine	No. 284—St. John's	Brussels
No. 162—Forest	Wroxeter	No. 286—Wingham	Wingham
No. 184—Old Light	Lucknow	No. 314—Blair	Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard	Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich	Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater	Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce	Tiverton

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6 (18 Lodges.)

No. 10—Norfolk	Simcoe	No. 174—Walsingham	Port Rowan
No. 37—King Hiram	Ingersoll	No. 178—Plattsville	Plattsville
No. 43—King Solomon's	Woodstock	No. 181—Oriental	Port Burwell
No. 68—St. John's	Ingersoll	No. 217—Frederick	Delhi
No. 76—Oxford	Woodstock	No. 237—Vienna	Vienna
No. 78—King Hiram	Tillsonburg	No. 250—Thistle	Embro
No. 104—St. John's	Norwich	No. 259—Springfield	Springfield
No. 108—Blenheim	Princeton	No. 261—Oak Branch	Innerkip
No. 149—Erie	Port Dover	No. 359—Vittoria	Vittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7 (17 Lodges.)

No. 72—Alma	Galt	No. 279—New Hope	Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River	Berlin	No. 295—Connestogo	Drayton
No. 172—Ayr	Ayr	No. 297—Preston	Preston
No. 180—Speed	Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot	Baden
No. 203—Irvine	Elora	No. 321—Walker	Acton
No. 205—New Dominion	New Hamburg	No. 347—Mercer	Fergus
No. 219—Credit	Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley	Guelph
No. 257—Galt	Galt	No. 509—Twin City	Berlin
No. 258—Guelph	Guelph		

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8 (20 Lodges).

No. 6—The Barton	Hamilton	No. 185—Enniskillen	York
No. 27—Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	No. 272—Seymour	Ancaster
No. 40—St. John's	Hamilton	No. 291—Dufferin	W. Flamboro
No. 57—Harmony	Binbrook	No. 324—Temple	Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia	Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown	Millgrove
No. 62—St. Andrew's	Caledonia	No. 382—Doric	Hamilton
No. 100—Valley	Dundas	No. 400—Oakville	Oakville
No. 135—St. Clair	Milton	No. 475—Dundurn	Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington	Burlington	No. 495—Electric	Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth	Stoney Creek	No. 513—Corinthian	Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9 (18 Lodges).

No. 90—Manito	Collingwood	No. 285—Seven Star	Alliston
No. 96—Corinthian	Barrie	No. 304—Minerva	Stroud
No. 137—Pythagoras	Meaford	No. 348—Georgian	Penetanguishene
No. 192—Orillia	Orillia	No. 385—Spry	Beeton
No. 230—Kerr	Barrie	No. 444—Nitetis	Creemore
No. 234—Beaver	Clarksburg	No. 466—Coronation	Elmvale
No. 236—Manitoba	Cookstown	No. 467—Tottenham	Tottenham
No. 249—Caledonian	Midland	No. 470—Victoria	Victoria Harbour
No. 266—Northern Light	Stayner	No. 492—Karnak	Coldwater

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10 (20 Lodges).

No. 2—Niagara	Niagara	No. 254—Clifton	Niagara Falls
No. 7—Union	Grimsby	No. 277—Seymour	Port Dalhousie
No. 15—St. George's	St. Catharines	No. 296—Temple	St. Catharines
No. 32—Amity	Dunnville	No. 337—Myrtle	Port Robinson
No. 103—Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin	Wellandport
No. 105—St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	No. 372—Palmer	Bridgeburg
No. 115—Ivy	Beamsville	No. 373—Copestone	Welland
No. 168—Merritt	Welland	No. 471—King Edward VII, Chippawa	
No. 169—Macnab	Port Colborne	No. 502—Coronation	Smithville
No. 221—Mountain	Thorold	U. D. —Phoenix	Fonthil

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11 (21 Lodges).

No. 98—True Blue	Bolton	No. 468—Peel	Caledon East
No. 229—Ionic	Brampton	No. 474—Victoria	Toronto
No. 305—Humber	Weston	No. 496—University	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood	Woodbridge	No. 501—Connaught	Mimico
No. 346—Occident	Toronto	No. 510—Parkdale	Toronto
No. 356—River Park	Streetsville	No. 522—Mount Sinai	Toronto
No. 367—St. George	Toronto	No. 524—Mississauga	Port Credit
No. 369—Mimico	Lambton Mills	No. 525—Temple	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha	Toronto	No. 531—High Park	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta	Toronto	No. 533—Shamrock	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley	Toronto		

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a (19 Lodges)

No. 16—St. Andrew's	Toronto	No. 343—Georgina	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic	Toronto	No. 354—Brock	Cannington
No. 75—St. John's	Toronto	No. 424—Doric	Pickering
No. 87—Markham Union	Markham	No. 430—Acacia	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson	Stouffville	No. 464—King Edward	Sunderland
No. 218—Stevenson	Toronto	No. 473—The Beaches	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha	Uxbridge	No. 494—Rivdale	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union	Claremont	No. 520—Coronati	Toronto
No. 316—Doric	Toronto	No. 532—Canada	Toronto
No. 339—Orient	Toronto		

TORONTO CENTRE DISTRICT No. 11b (19 Lodges).

No. 22—King Solomon's	Toronto	No. 156—York	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond	Richmond Hill	No. 247—Ashlar	Toronto
No. 54—Vaughan	Maple	No. 265—Patterson	Thornhill
No. 65—Rehoboam	Toronto	No. 292—Robertson	King
No. 79—Simcoe	Bradford	No. 326—Zetland	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson	Toronto	No. 458—Harmony	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon	Queensville	No. 481—Corinthian	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan	Newmarket	No. 512—Malone	Sutton West
No. 118—Union	Schomberg	No. 514—St. Alban's	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun	Aurora		

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12 (17 Lodges).

No. 17—St. John's	Cobourg	No. 145—J. B. Hall	Millbrook
No. 26—Ontario	Port Hope	No. 161—Percy	Warkworth
No. 30—Composite	Whitby	No. 223—Norwood	Norwood
No. 31—Jerusalem	Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar	Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion	Brooklin	No. 325—Orono	Orono
No. 66—Durham	Newcastle	No. 374—Keene	Keene
No. 91—Colborne	Colborne	No. 428—Fidelity	Port Perry
No. 114—Hope	Port Hope	No. 435—Havelock	Havelock
No. 139—Lebanon	Oshawa		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13 (17 Lodges).

No. 11—Moira	Belleville	No. 127—Franck	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward	Picton	No. 164—Star in the East, Wellington	
No. 29—United	Brighton	No. 215—Lake	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling	Stirling	No. 401—Craig	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft	Bancroft
No. 126—Golden Rule	Campbellford		

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14 (15 Lodges).

No. 3—Ancient St. John's	Kingston	No. 228—Prince Arthur	Odessa
No. 9—Union	Napanee	No. 253—Minden	Kingston
No. 92—Cataragui	Kingston	No. 299—Victoria	Centreville
No. 109—Albion	Harrowsmith	No. 404—Lorne	Tamworth
No. 119—Maple Leaf	Bath	No. 441—Westport	Westport
No. 146—Prince of Wales	Newburgh	No. 460—Rideau	Seeley's Bay
No. 157—Simpson	Newboro	No. 497—St. Andrew's	Arden
No. 201—Leeds	Gananoque		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15 (14 Lodges).

No. 5—Sussex	Brockville	No. 368—Salem	Brockville
No. 14—True Britons	Perth	No. 370—Harmony	Delta
No. 24—St. Francis	Smiths Falls	No. 387—Lansdowne	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'ntain, N. Augusta	
No. 74—St. James	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun	Athens	No. 489—Osiris	Smith's Falls
No. 242—Macoy	Mallorytown	No. 504—Otter	Lombardy

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16 (22 Lodges).

No. 52—Dalhousie	Ottawa	No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa
No. 58—Doric	Ottawa	No. 264—Chaudiere	Ottawa
No. 63—St. John's	Carleton Place	No. 371—Prince of Wales	Ottawa
No. 122—Renfrew	Renfrew	No. 433—Bonnehchere	Eganville
No. 128—Pembroke	Pembroke	No. 459—Cobden	Cobden
No. 147—Mississippi	Almonte	No. 465—Carleton	Carp
No. 148—Civil Service	Ottawa	No. 476—Corinthian	North Gower
No. 159—Goodwood	Richmond	No. 479—Russell	Russell
No. 177—The Builders	Ottawa	No. 516—Enterprise	Beachburg
No. 196—Madawaska	Arnprior	No. 517—Hazeldean	Hazeldean
No. 209—Evergreen	Lanark	No. 526—Ionic	Westboro

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17 (12 Lodges).

No. 287—Shuniah	Port Arthur	No. 453—Royal	Fort William
No. 414—Pequongia	Kenora	No. 461—Ionic	Rainy River
No. 415—Fort William	Fort William	No. 484—Golden Star	Dryden
No. 417—Keewatin	Keewatin	No. 499—Port Arthur	Port Arthur
No. 445—Lake of the Woods	Kenora	No. 511—Connaught	W. Fort William
No. 446—Granite	Fort Frances	No. 518—Sioux Lookout, Sioux Looko't	

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18 (11 Lodges).

No. 405—Mattawa	Mattawa	No. 455—Doric	Little Current
No. 412—Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	No. 469—Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie
No. 420—Nipissing	North Bay	No. 472—Gore Bay	Gore Bay
No. 427—Nickel	Sudbury	No. 487—Penewobikong	Blind River
No. 442—Dymont	Thessalon	No. 527—Espanola	Espanola
No. 447—Sturgeon Falls.....	St'rg'n Falls		

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19 (8 Lodges).

No. 352—Granite	Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong	Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka	Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin	Emsdale
No. 376—Unity	Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan	Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule	Cravenhurst	No. 454—Corona	Burk's Falls

VICTORIA DISTRICT No. 20 (15 Lodges).

No. 77—Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	No. 408—Murray	Beaverton
No. 101—Corinthian	Peterborough	No. 440—Arcadia	Minden
No. 155—Peterborough, Peterborough		No. 451—Somerville	Kinmount
No. 268—Verulam	Bobcaygeon	No. 463—North Entrance	Haliburton
No. 313—Clementi	Lakefield	No. 477—Harding	Woodville
No. 375—Lorne	Omeme	No. 498—King George V.....	Cobocok
No. 398—Victoria	Kirkfield	No. 523—Royal Arthur	Peterborough
No. 406—Spry	Fenelon Falls		

EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21 (18 Lodges).

No. 21a—St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 320—Chesterville	Chesterville
No. 28—Mount Zion	Kemptville	No. 383—Henderson	Winchester
No. 110—Central	Prescott	No. 418—Maxville	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers,	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg,	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal	Cardinal

TEMISCAMING DISTRICT No. 22 (8 Lodges).

No. 462—Temiscaming	New Liskeard	No. 507—Elk Lake	Elk Lake
No. 485—Haileybury	Haileybury	No. 528—Golden Beaver	Timmins
No. 486—Silver	Cobalt	No. 530—Cochrane	Cochrane
No. 506—Porcupine.....	South Porcupine	U. D.—Englehart	Englehart

BRANT DISTRICT No. 23 (14 Lodges).

No. 35—St.*John's	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George	St. George
No. 45—Brant	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram	Hagersville
No. 82—St. John's	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford	Burford	No. 505—Lynden	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias	Brantford
No. 121—Doric	Brantford	No. 515—Reba	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT No. 24 (12 Lodges).

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar	Warton
No. 235—Aldworth	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf	Tara	No. 436—Burns	Hepworth

GREY DISTRICT No. 25 (12 Lodges).

No. 88—St. George's ..Owen Sound
 No. 200—St. Alban'sMount Forest
 No. 216—HarrisOrangeville
 No. 271—WellingtonErin
 No. 306—DurhamDurham
 No. 322—North StarOwen Sound

No. 333—Prince ArthurFlesherton
 No. 334—Prince ArthurArthur
 No. 377—LorneShelburne
 No. 421—ScottGrand Valley
 No. 449—DundalkDundalk
 No. 490—HiramMarkdale

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
 Chairman.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone,
 seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee appointed
 by Grand Lodge in 1915, in connection with the re-distribution
 of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the re-constitution of
 the districts, be adopted, and that the changes therein recom-
 mended in the redistribution of lodges and re-constitution of
 the districts shall immediately become effective.

CALLED OFF.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m. Grand Lodge was called
 from labour to refreshment, to meet again at 2.00
 o'clock p.m.

CALLED ON.

The Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.00 o'clock
 p.m.

M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, on the
 throne; grand officers, members and representatives
 present.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND
SUPPLIES.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on be-
 half of the Board of General Purposes, presented
 the following report, which was read by V. W. Bro.
 R. F. Richardson, Chairman of the Committee on
 Printing and supplies:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee
 on Printing and Supplies, begs leave to report as follows:

That, owing to the increased cost of printing and postage, it is impossible for Grand Lodge to supply constitutions and books of ceremonies at the prices hitherto prevailing, and your committee would therefore recommend that the Chairman of the committee and Grand Secretary be authorized to ascertain the cost of production and fix the prices at such figures as will at least cover the cost.

Your committee has found that the reports of the committees of Grand Lodge have been placed in the hands of the Printing Committee more promptly than hitherto, thereby greatly facilitating the work of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. RICHARDSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, begs leave to report that after examining the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, we have much pleasure in certifying that we have found them correct and very well kept.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Debit Balance from last year.....	\$5,452 88	
Total Revenue to May 31, 1916.		\$46,560 36
Debentures matured and paid in:		
Town of Berlin.....	777 69	
Town of Brockville.....	446 77	
	-----	\$ 1,224 46

		\$47,784 82

Expenditure.

General Expenses.....	\$19,107 31	
Benevolent Grants.....	30,625 00	
	<hr/>	\$49,732 31
Debit Balance.....		\$ 1,947 49
Last Year's Debit Balance.....		5,452 88
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		\$7,400 37

The funds of Grand Lodge amounting to \$106,647.05, and the Semi-Centennial Funds amounting to \$102,955.56, are invested in securities as per list in the Grand Treasurer's Report.

GRANTS FOR BENEVOLENCE.

From General Fund.....	\$30,625 00
From Semi-Centennial Fund.....	5,445 00
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	\$36,070 00

Your committee have had placed before them the bond of the Grand Secretary in the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co. for the sum of \$5,000.00, which is in keeping of the Grand Treasurer. Your Committee recommend that the Grand Master renew the said bond on its maturity, and the premium be paid by Grand Lodge.

The large deficit of last year has been increased by the sum of \$1,947.49, to which must be added \$1,224.46, the amount of Debentures redeemed, thereby reducing Capital Account a like sum, and making a total deficit of \$3,171.95 for the year.

Your committee have carefully considered the question of the deficit, and have concluded that some means must be adopted to wipe it out and prevent a similar recurrence. Greater demands will be made upon our funds in the near future. Many of our brethren have heard the call and answered it. Many of them have already made the supreme sacrifice. The families of those who have fought and died for us have the first claims upon our support and generosity. We would, therefore, recommend that careful consideration be given the motion of R. W. Bro. Macfadden, so that when the families of our deceased brethren need financial assistance, we may be found ready to meet our duties and responsibilities.

On account of the increase in the cost of managing the business affairs of Grand Lodge, your committee suggest that a committee be appointed to confer with the Grand Secretary, fully empowering them to act as may be deemed advisable in the matter, and to report their findings and suggestions to the G. M. and G. L., the G. M. and Grand Secretary to be ex-officio members of this committee.

Your committee recommends that the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Audit and Finance be a committee to whom all tenders for printing supplies will be referred for consideration, and that contracts for all expenditure over the sum of fifty dollars be given after calling for tender.

Your committee has thoroughly considered letter and memo. of M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, offering to sell to Grand Lodge the copyright of "Robertson's Jurisprudence," and recommends that the same be not entertained.

Your committee has had brought to its attention that in the Grand Secretary's report of last year the sum of \$100 had been received from Great Western Lodge No. 47, Windsor, for the establishment of a Masonic home. We would recommend that Great Western Lodge No. 47 be notified that the Board of General Purposes does not feel that the establishment of a Masonic home is advisable at present, and that they be asked what disposition they desire to be made of the contribution.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

Your Committee has examined the books and returns of the Grand Treasurer and finds them correct. The sum of \$6,672.34 was received during the year, and remitted to His Majesty the King of the Belgians. A receipt from the King's secretary was received. The total amount forwarded from this fund was \$46,638.39.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Fees—Registration of Initiations.....	\$10,000 00
Fees Registration of Affiliations.....	350 00
Dues.....	29,000 00
Certificates.....	100 00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	1,000 00
Dispensations.....	550 00
Commutation of Dues.....	1,000 00
Warrants.....	50 00
Miscellaneous.....	800 00
Interest on Investments.....	5,000 00
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	\$47,850 00
Interest on Semi-Centennial Fund.....	4,900 00
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	<u>\$52,750 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	3,000 00
Salary of Auditor.....	300 00
Salary of Clerk.....	1,100 00
Salary of Stenographer.....	1,000 00
Salary of Clerk.....	720 00
Salary of Clerk.....	660 00
Superannuation allowance to former Clerk.....	800 00
Printing and Stationery.....	3,000 00
Incidental Expenses Grand Secretary's Office.....	700 00
Certificates and Warrants.....	1,500 00
Insurance.....	90 00
Safety Deposit Box Rental.....	40 00
Office Rent and Heating.....	1,000 00
Telephone Service.....	60 00
Postage on Proceedings.....	200 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at London.....	1,500 00
Expenses of Commissions and Delegations.....	50 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants.....	1,000 00
Allowance for Expenses of Grand Master.....	800 00
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	100 00
Postage of D.G.M. and Chairman of Committees.....	40 00
Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.....	250 00
Masonic Relief Association.....	300 00
Miscellaneous.....	390 00
Grants for Benevolence.....	33,415 00
Total Expenditure on General Account.....	\$52,215 00
Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund.....	3,930 00
	<u>\$56,145 00</u>

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows:

Since the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, made interim grants to applicants amounting to the sum of \$1,890.00, the sum of \$580.00 from the General Fund and \$1,310.00 from the surplus interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Additional grants have been made from the interest on the investment of the Semi-Centennial Fund amounting to the sum of \$480.00.

Your committee desires to place on record their appreciation of the action of two of their members, R. W. Bro. Cowan, of Barrie, and V. W. Bro. Reid, of Windsor, in enlisting for overseas service.

Your committee desires to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the steady increase in the grants for benevolence. Notwithstanding the great care exercised by your committee in the selection of grants to be made, and a careful inspection of the same by the Inspector, these grants have increased as follows:

In 1900 they amounted to \$13,150 from General Fund.

In 1905 they amounted to \$13,940 from General Fund.

In 1910 they amounted to \$24,124 from General Fund, and \$2,650.00 from S. C. Fund.

In 1915 they amounted to \$30,625 from General Fund, and \$5,145.00 from S. C. Fund.

Your committee cannot but believe that, when this terrible war is over, many of our brethren who are at present at the front, or their dependents, will require assistance, thus largely increasing the grants made at present, and it is to be hoped that Grand Lodge will prepare for this emergency by increasing, temporarily at least, the per capita tax as proposed at this meeting.

Your committee regrets to note that the private lodges are, in many instances, neglecting to make grants for benevolence from their own funds to their needy brethren or their dependents, who are applicants for relief from the funds of Grand Lodge, notwithstanding Rule One of the Rules of Benevolence.

The Board recommends that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

445 applications were received and disposed of as follows:

211 grants through local boards amounting to \$15,160 00
 225 grants through lodges amounting to..... 17,580 00
 9 applications have been refused.

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:

Mrs. T. D. Harington	\$300 00
Miss Mary Wilson.....	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75 00
	<hr/> \$ 675 00
Total amount of grants from the General Fund.....	\$33,415 00
Total amount of interim grants from the General Fund.....	580 00
Interim grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	1,310 00
Additional grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	480 00
Grants recommended from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this annual communication	3,930 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$39,715 00

The grants made by the lodges during the year,
 as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.Ms.,
 amount to about.....\$16,500 00

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 7 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges and local boards of relief, will be withheld until proper returns have been received by the Grand Secretary, showing the disposal of last year's grants, viz:

Lodges Nos. 7, 33, 68, 73, 77, 128, 153, 205, 300, 305, 336, 356, 358, 376, 429, 433, 437, 452, 462 498.

Your Board recommends that the report of the Inspector of benevolent grants be printed as an appendix to this report.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. MACFADDEN,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

S. A. Luke, Esq.,

Grand Master Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith present my report as Inspector of benevolent grants for the year 1915:

There were 451 applications considered by the committee, 323 were for widows, 97 for brethren, 22 for orphans, 6 for wives and 3 for mothers. 212 applications were made by local boards and 239 by private lodges.

The 212 applications from local boards were disposed of as follows:

3 widows received grants for \$20 each, 5 widows \$30 each, 18 widows \$40 each, 21 widows \$50 each, 58 widows \$60 each, 30 widows \$80 each, 20 widows \$100 each, 1 widow \$25. 9 were rejected, 2 died, 8 brethren received grants for \$150 each, 12 brethren \$100 each, 4 brethren \$60 each, 1 brother \$50, 4 were rejected, 1 died. 4 orphans received grants for \$40 each, 4 orphans \$50 each, 2 orphans \$60 each, 1 orphan \$100, 1 died. 1 wife received a grant of \$80; 1 mother received a grant of \$60; 1 mother was rejected.

The 239 applications from private lodges were disposed of as follows:

2 widows received grants of \$20 each, 1 widow \$30, 12 widows \$40 each, 20 widows \$50 each, 54 widows \$60 each, 1 widow \$70. 25 widows \$80 each, 27 widows \$100 each, 13 were rejected, 1 died. 3 brethren received grants for \$50 each, 9 brethren \$60 each, 2 brethren \$80 each, 27 brethren \$100 each, 17 brethren \$150 each, 2 were reduced from \$150 to \$75, 5 died, 2 were rejected. 3 orphans received grants for \$50 each, 3 orphans \$60 each, 1 orphan \$80, 1 orphan \$100, 2 were rejected. 1 wife received a grant for \$50, 1 wife \$60, 1 wife \$80, 2 were rejected. 1 mother received a grant for \$80.

323 applications were made for widows, of whom 298 received grants, 22 were rejected and 3 died. 97 applications were made for brethren, of whom 85 received grants, 6 were rejected and 6 died. 22 applications were made for orphans, of whom 19 received grants, 2 were rejected and 2 died. 4 wives received grants and 2 were rejected. 2 mothers received grants and 1 was rejected.

In addition to the above, grants were made from the revenue of the Semi-Centennial Fund as follows:

11 widows \$20 each, 10 widows \$40 each, 19 widows \$50 each, 1 widow \$60 2 brethren \$40 each, 7 brethren \$50 each, 1 brother \$80, 6 brethren \$100 each, 4 brethren \$150 each, 1 orphan \$20, 1, mother \$40, 1 wife \$40, 1 wife \$20.

More than one-fourth of those who received grants are over 70 years of age, 35 are between 70 and 74, 38 are between 75 and 79, 27 are between 80 and 84, 21 are between 85 and 89, 4 are between 90 and 100, 1 is over 100 years of age.

No less a sum than \$35,000 has been expended by Grand Lodge in relieving the necessities of the widow, the orphan and the distressed brother.

The foregoing figures and dollar marks, show as far as they can the work of the committee on benevolence for the current year, but no mere figures can give a true description of our work. I will try and give you an idea of what I mean. Some time ago I called on a young man whose mother had been getting a grant from Grand Lodge for some years and I thought the time had come when he should relieve us from making any further grants. He said: "I am occupying a good position and am able and only too glad to support my mother without any further assistance, but, if it is any satisfaction to you and your people I want to say that I never could have filled this position had it not been for the assistance the Masons have given my mother during these years." This is only one of scores of somewhat similar cases scattered up and down throughout the province. And so the work goes on

Lifting the fallen brother up,
Sweetening the draught in the bitter cup,
Heeding the orphans' bitter cry,
Wiping the tear from sorrow's eye.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NIXON,

Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Harcourt, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, begs to report as follows:

1. St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls South. W. Bro. Fred. Trelford vs. Brothers Richard Smith and Richard J. Smith. The complainant preferred five charges against the accused, or either of them, all relating to business transactions between the parties and containing charges of misrepresentation and fraud. The accused were tried in the lodge, found guilty, sentenced to suspension indefinitely and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The accused appealed to Grand Lodge against the finding and sentence.

Your committee has gone over the evidence carefully, and fails to discover any intention of fraud on the part of the accused in their business dealings with the complainant, and recommends that the appeal be allowed.

2. Acacia Lodge No. 430, Toronto. W. Bro. Wm. Prestwick vs. Brother F. W. Brown. The accused was charged by the complainant with having called him a "German-American" at the banquet following regular meeting of the lodge. After hearing the evidence the lodge found that the complainant was born of English parents, has resided in Canada for 26 years, and therefore is not a "German-American." The accused was found guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and suspended indefinitely. The accused appeals from this finding. Your committee is forced to recommend that the appeal be dismissed, with a further recommendation that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be authorized to raise the same, upon the accused withdrawing his words and expressing regret therefor.

3. Grand River Lodge No. 151, vs. Brother W. M. Cram. A charge of adultery was charged against Brother Cram. He confessed his guilt and the lodge has recommended that he be expelled. Your committee endorses this recommendation.

4. St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, vs. Bro. William Jenkins. This brother was sentenced to a term in penitentiary, guilty on five charges of incest, and, by unanimous vote of the lodge, was suspended indefinitely, with a recommendation that he be expelled. Your committee recommends expulsion.

5. York Lodge No. 156, Toronto, vs. Bro. George H. C. Brooks. This brother was suspended by his lodge on the 18th September, 1885, which was confirmed by Grand Lodge on the 14th of July, 1886, for an indefinite period. The offence is not shown. He has, however, been since leading a proper life, has a government appointment, and his lodge by a unanimous resolution, recommends that the accused be reinstated, he having enlisted for overseas service. Your committee recommends that Bro. Brooks be reinstated.

6. Temple Lodge No. 324, Hamilton, vs. Bro. Adam Brown MacKay. The accused was tried by his lodge for un-Masonic conduct involving moral turpitude, was found

guilty and indefinitely suspended, from which he appealed. (See Grand Lodge Proceedings 1915, page 364), which directs that he be summoned to show cause at this communication why he should not be expelled from the craft for the offence. Notice has been served on him. He has not appeared, and your committee recommends his expulsion.

7. Re Hammond Lodge No. 327, Wardsville. Brother L. M. Buckborough was initiated the 4th of January, 1915, and passed on the 25th of January, 1915. The lodge through the Secretary, applies that the twenty dollar fee imposed by Sec. 245 of the Constitution, be remitted.

Corinthian Lodge No. 481, Toronto. Brother J. J. Breen was initiated on the 27th of April, 1914, passed the 28th of May, 1914, and raised on the 24th of June, 1914. The regular meeting fell on the 25th of May of that year. The lodge applied for and obtained a dispensation, changing that regular meeting to the 28th of May, when the candidate was passed. He having been raised on the 24th of June following, the last degree was conferred within the constitutional time (see section 245 Constitution,) and the lodge applies that the twenty dollar fee be remitted. Your committee are apprehensive that if the door is thrown open to these applications they will become very numerous, and any leniency shown taken advantage of. Your committee therefore recommends that the strict letter of the constitution be enforced in such cases, and that the requests of these two lodges be refused.

8. York Lodge No. 156, Toronto, vs. James H. Denison. This brother was charged in the criminal courts and found guilty of embezzlement and sentenced to a term in Portsmouth penitentiary. A similar charge was laid against him in York Lodge, upon which he was tried, found guilty, and recommended to Grand Lodge for as favourable a consideration as possible under the circumstances. He was directed to appear before this annual communication, and show cause why he should not be expelled. He has completed the term of penal servitude, and your committee has been advised that his conduct while in penitentiary was most exemplary. An application has been made on his behalf for reinstatement. Your committee regrets that its duty to the craft compels it to recommend expulsion.

Doric Lodge No. 316, Toronto, vs. Bro. Joseph H. Anderson. Brother Anderson was charged in the Criminal Courts with an attempt to procure abortion, was found guilty and sentenced to six months in the Ontario Reformatory. He was tried upon a similar charge in Doric Lodge and found not guilty. An appeal against this decision was entered by R. W. Bro. Bilger, and by the direction of the Most Woshipful the Grand Master, Doric Lodge was instructed to hold a new trial. (See Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1915, page 363). The second trial was held at an emergent meeting on 27th May, 1915 (See Minute Book of

the lodge at page 380). The only evidence put in was a certified copy of that taken at the Criminal trial on which the accused was convicted by the Court and sentence passed on him. A vote was then taken, 9 for conviction, 9 for acquittal: the accused was then acquitted. Your committee is of the opinion that in the interests of Masonry there should be a new trial by a special committee to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master and also that such committee should be directed to investigate all matters connected with the unfortunate affair in Doric Lodge and report thereon.

Your committee so recommends.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. W. HARCOURT,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, begs to report that the representatives of the Grand Master in all the twenty-three districts of this jurisdiction have performed their labour of love assiduously, zealously, discreetly and fruitfully.

On this 61st annual communication of Grand Lodge, on this 714th day of the duration of the Great War, in which so many of our brethren, nobly fighting, nobly fell, and through which so many of our brethren have been so grievously bereaved of their nearest and dearest, we present our annual report, our annual review of what Masons think and say and hope and do.

In reporting on the vital condition of Masonry in this great jurisdiction, composed of 449 constituent lodges and 60,850 brethren in good standing, your committee have been solicitous, not merely to record what has been done in the propagation and diffusion of the light of Masonic knowledge and understanding during the year, and to what good,

fruitful use the vast resources of Masonry (mental and material) have been put, but also to correlate current thoughts and present results with the memorable past and with the momentous issues of the future; and thus, in preserving continuity—a characteristic of Ancient Masonry—we hope to give impetus and impulse to those who are to carry on the great work that lies before us, clearly outlined on life's tracing board, illumined by the beacon fires of inspired service and duty—*Dominus illuminatio mea*. Our Masonry, like space, is of four dimensions: length of days (ancient, yet with no trace of age); breadth of vision and of charity; depth of sincerity and conviction, and height of aspiration (and by the grace of the Great Architect) of attainment.

In how far have we fallen short of measuring up to this fourfold standard? Have good works been commensurate with numerical strength? Have we the respect of the community and our own self-respect? Having done our best, do we **stand sure**?

Our duty, like that of the Commonwealth, is clear—for we too are or ought to be Knights of the "Round Table"—to use our own talents and to bring out of our treasure-house things both old and new, to repair, to correct, to improve, to build up, but always in the light of our own tradition, which has made us what we are,—to maintain and deepen and justify our faith in the unity of the true spirit of man,—to enable the brainworker and the manual worker each to supplement the other, and draw both within the circle of a common humanity. This surely, our fraternity, composed of men in a world of men—(not children or Gods)—can do—is doing, in the process of welding and working together which night by night the faithful brotherhood carry on together. We are builders not prophets, yet we have the vision splendid, while fully recognizing the foundations of our predecessors. We must be factors in the future, and pass on the goodly heritage—forthtellers, not foretellers.

"After me cometh a builder, tell him I too have known'
We must bridge this great full today—"whose dawn comes up like thunder" with a still greater tomorrow of achievement and of the excellence of manhood; we into whose nostrils at creation, the Great Architect breathed the breath of life.

"The builder lifted his gray old head—
Good friend, in the path I have come, he said,
There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as nought to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

In the noble words of the author of "The Builders," the story and study of Masonry, who this month is filling the great pulpit of the City Temple in London, England:

"We, too, are builders, not in brick and stone, but seeking to erect a Temple of Faith, Freedom and Friendship among men: a company of closely united friends who, employing the tools and laws of architecture, work for the welfare of humanity, striving to bring about a universal brotherhood, which we aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale in the form and spirit of our lodge. Therefore we urge you to study to be a workman worthy of the Temple in which you labour, building your life and thought and character into it, and thereby merit the approval of the Master of all good work."

The doors of opportunity for well-doing are so many—none of them tyled except by the discriminating will—for Masonic philanthropy combines both gift and giver. Let the artesian wells flow! Visit often; to a friend's house (and the lodge is the House Beautiful), the way is never long. Be courteous to visitors. Are we all sure that this correlative duty is always observed? Be generous in judgment; nothing extenuate, nor set down ought in malice. Be liberal to the needy. Help me to need no aid from men that I may help such men as need! Give twice by giving quickly, and take your interest by men made happy. Encourage the downhearted—there are some. Open the reserved. Share the intellect God has dowered you with, as well as the sentiment. Human sympathy thrives on human intercourse. This is the refrain of all the district reports. Cement the unity of the community by social as by loyal speech. Say to thy friend: "Where thou lodgest I will lodge," and never a "lodge in some vast wilderness," but by the road that makes strange places neighbours.

"I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardour of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife;
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears—
Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

The Volume of the Sacred Law has a three-fold value and an added significance in these troublous times, when all that is dear stands in jeopardy every hour.

The bible was the loom on which our language was woven—the framework of our law—of truth—the perfect law of liberty—the defence of our faith—the eternal verities of the very essence of its symbolism. We Masons who are citizens of the world and servants of the Omnipotent, should more than ever study its immortal pages where square and compass guide and guard the way, and our soldier brethren have found on bivouac the river of life freighted with the richest treasure, and that courage which the God of Battles and Lord of Hosts gave to the armies of Israel; and so we and they, as therein enjoined, do gird our loins for the conflict, finding there the passwords of our forefathers, and the promised cross and crown of victory.

May we hope to be justified in applying to our craft at this crisis, and to the men of light and leading who direct its destinies, the wonderful words of Isaiah:—

"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

"Then shalt thou call and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,

"And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day:

"And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

"Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

"I will say to the North, Give up; and to the south. Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughter, from the ends of the earth:

"They helped everyone his neighbour, and everyone said to his brother, be of good courage. It is ready for the soldering."

And in the New Testament also are there not passages apposite and illuminative of the present pregnant condition of Masonry and of the family of nations, of whom we are one.

"He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment (chiton) and buy one."—(Luke).

"It must needs be that offences come, but woe unto that man by whom the offence cometh."—(Matthew).

"If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?"—(1st Corinthians).

No Masonic marks or emblems of identification are found on German prisoners or wounded. Thank God, our soldier brethren are not ashamed to add fellowship to comradeship. Is there no brotherhood in Germany? **Revelation** has a special interest for us, an inspiration here and now, for is it not written: "I, John, who also am your brother and companion," wrote these things. And among them that exhortation to fortitude and fidelity expressed in marvellous monosyllables:

"Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

And again:

"Thrust in thy sickle and reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

"And they loved not their lives unto the death. This is the patience and faith of the saints."

"The Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven was opened."—The Grand Lodge above.

"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light."

This is the touchstone of the enlightened, who pray for **PEACE** with honour for our children's children—within these walls and without—peace after crime expiated—after wrongs righted—after sacrilegious violations are purged—a peace that will be independent of broken covenants and treaties, and will be assured by universal and allied will—a peace that will enable us in faith and practice to live out those virtues the whole world over, which we not merely profess but do admire and love. Men are fighting for their children that these children may not have to know what their fathers and mothers have known during this maelstrom of inhuman murder and lust—this epic of agony. Better even racial ruin than eternal infamy. Better to go out with honour than survive with shame. And this do all free men, free women, and especially free masons proclaim with the sacred pledge of fidelity and truth—and we shall not fail!

For Freedom's Battle once begun,
Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son,
Though baffled oft, is always won.

Contemporary Masonic literature and especially the periodical press—the exponent of current craft activity, and one of the links between lodges has received a new impetus and acquired a new value, in these testing days of the crucible, when men reach out to each other in the interchange of thought. An illustration of the educative advantage of the published word disseminating knowledge, is the privilege afforded all brethren of reading the virile address of Bro. Mr. Justice Riddell delivered to one lodge, and through publication in this month's issue of a Masonic journal to the whole craft, upon "Freemasonry in the present crisis." Among other things, with all of which all may not agree, the brother says: "All men are born free and equal, but 'equal' means 'equal' before the law—and nothing more. . . . Masonry rightly abhors the thought that one man may force his will upon another. . . . It is not for the State but for the individual to work out salvation for individual and State. . . . Freemasonry does not make Freemasonry an end in itself. It recognizes that it exists for Freemasons, and through Freemasons for the good of the world. Masonry admits none superior to her own members, but at the same time she claims no superiority to others.

It needs not that I should remind Masons of the sanctity with which their institution clothes a promise, the tenderness it teaches towards the weak, the imperative command it gives to protect the innocent. No true Free-

mason could have perpetrated the awful infamy of Belgium—an infamy which will stain the escutcheon of Germany till time shall be no more."

With which cause does Masonry sympathize? To ask the question is to answer it. And if action speaks louder than words, let the tens of thousands of dollars sent by the Masons of the Grand Register of Canada in this one Province of Ontario to King Albert of Belgium, give answer in clarion note.

What freeborn man but must exult in the chance to strike a blow for freedom?

Canada has found her soul, never to lose it.

While the great **major chord** vibrates incessantly during this war, which (we have realized is no mere drama staged three thousand miles away), yet the so-called minor chords of Masonry (minor only in degree of intensity) must not remain untouched. From correspondence, from observation and discussion (the arena of thought), from reports and addresses throughout the year, your committee have garnered a few notes of interest, which are transmitted to the brethren for consideration—some of them old, familiar friends in a new dress; others introducing themselves for the first time.

1. Our lodge libraries should be dusted, replenished, and made attractive and accessible. Our reading rooms should be equipped with the best current Masonic journalism. Books are the vials containing the essence of learning and research. There are many lamps of gold among our members, awaiting the oil of knowledge.

2. Lodge records should be more systematically kept. Let us perpetuate testimony. Bind the old papers in permanent form. Minutes are treasures when mellowed by time. While today every month counts more than an ordinary decade, yet the years teach much that the days never knew.

3. The average attendance of members at lodge meetings calls for attention. An analysis of the statistical tables will show that the numerically strong lodges, where the membership is up in the hundreds, make, with few exceptions, a very discouraging showing as compared with lodges of moderate calibre. The whole craft is interested in this. Masons on paper are not pillars of the temple. A merely nominal roll is not a roll of honour.

4. The summons should be made attractive; a personal touch, a premeditated grip of the hand, a little confidence and an indication of something worth while to be expected, will be more magnetic than the often machine-made summons month after month. You are reaching out to living men.

5. Matters of congratulation are:

- (a) The effective work of the Pastmasters' Associations.
- (b) The continued good work of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, whose correspondence circle grows apace.
- (c) The prosperity and the abounding hospitality of Canada Lodge to our overseas brethren.
- (d) The decrease in complaints about the ballot and the blackball—only a few instances surviving the heroic remedies adopted.
- (e) The increased interest shown in and study given in the lodges to the reports and proceedings of Grand Lodge, the address of the Grand Master and Foreign Fraternal Correspondence.
- (f) The success that has attended the celebration of Past Masters' nights and national nights—nuclei of loyal memories and good work well done in both craft and State.

6. Music should be introduced into the lodge ceremonies wherever possible—to impress, to rest, to harmonize. There is a sacrament of song. In Toronto and Hamilton especially, Masonic choirs have done a great work in and out of lodge and camp and hospital.

7. Three bad habits are still occasionally apparent:

- (a) The misuse of passages from the ritual, on gastronomic menus.
- (b) The diffusive and aggressive display of large sized Masonic jewelry in everyday life—there can be no objection to the unobtrusive charm or symbol.
- (c) The apparent misconception or delusion under which some Secretaries labour, that punctuality is the thief of time.

8. Some very vital subjects have been discussed, and will, no doubt, reappear for consideration in Grand Lodge in due course in the future.

- (a) Proportionate representation and voting by lodges.
- (b) Change of date of meeting of Grand Lodge from the heated summer solstice.
- (c) The fixing of a uniform date for the installation of all officers corresponding with the Masonic year.
- (d) The ever present and much vexed and vexing question of the redistribution of districts.
- (e) The modifying or the emphasizing of the doctrine of physical perfection of candidates in view of imminent conditions which will be occasioned by the war.
- (f) The dealing with the question of arrears expressly and heroically by Grand Lodge. The appalling total of unpaid dues in these times of need, prejudicially affects the whole craft. The reproach must become a challenge. There is no wrong without a practical remedy, even when dealing with the delicate and sensitive ties and relations of our fraternity.

9. Economy must be the order of the day. We must husband our strength, conserve our resources. But economy alone will not supply that future—almost immediate—need of the craft, when the call of the wounded, the disabled, the blinded brethren comes home; when the cry of the dependents of the fallen brethren who have made—will make—the supreme sacrifice for us, is heard—No Semi-Centennial fund will meet the absolute necessity staring us in the face. No mere "Rainy Day" fund will solve the great problem. We repeat that the wounded and the dependents of those who, at the front, have won immortality, are the glorious creditors of the nation and, in a special sense, the glorious creditors of this Masonic craft—the household of the faithful. The 60,850 members are ready for the leadership of the Grand East in this great work of vital moment. Do it now!

10. It would enhance the interest of Masonry, as well as contribute to the educational value of our lodges where a daily advance in knowledge is expected, if addresses were from time to time given relative to the inner life and teachings of ancient societies and cults, such, for instance, as the significance of those points in Masonry, which correspond in some degree to the customs and teachings of the Pythagorean school, which developed, as we know, a brotherhood of light and learning, as well as mutual service and good will.

How many applicants knock at the door perfunctorily?—how many sign the petition pro-forma, with only a faint conception of the aims and objects of Freemasonry which can be realized to the full only by their own best efforts, when they learn how to wear the apron worthily. Let us both guard the portals and guide the pilgrim.

As further reflecting and best exemplifying the spirit and condition of the craft, that great brotherhood of solidarity, of versatility, and of geniality, and following our annual practice we present 100 suggestive thoughts expressed from the carefully prepared reports of the zealous overseers, the District Deputies of the past year—a year signalized in the main by earnest work well done, both in sowing the seed and binding the sheaves:

"The spirit of Masonry shines wherever true Masons are found."

"Many P.D.D.G.Ms. were present to guard the landmarks and encourage the workers."

"Books and business were well looked after."

"The officers accepted suggestions in a most kindly (and assimilative) spirit, and rendered the ceremonies in a manner commensurate with the beauty and importance of the great truths therein contained."

"The Masonic rooms are used the year round by the members and in consequence an excellent Masonic spirit exists."

"The candidate received impressions which will be among the brightest of his Masonic jewels."

"In 21 Past Masters of good standing—Masters of their Art—the lodge has a wealth of Masonic knowledge which spells continued success."

"The whole atmosphere of the meeting was that of a family gathering of well-skilled Masons."

"The brethren like their neighbours, and have the happy knack of doing things with an easy swing most pleasing to the side benches and instructive to the candidate."

"The quarters are a pride and a comfort to the brethren, who use them as a club. Recently furnished parlours add greatly to the social attractions between meetings, and the whole atmosphere acts as a Masonic tonic to the privileged."

"To report on my mother lodge officially would be like a pupil writing up his teachers."

Yet he does so, and fearlessly; for after wishing 'the 22 members in khaki a Godspeed and happy reunion at the close of the greatest calamity in the history of civilization,' he comments on the 'Past Masters, conspicuous by absence, a glowing exception to the rule in his district.

"I hope to make these new Masonic much-prized friendships permanent by continued social visitations."

"The brethren evince an ever-increasing knowledge and appreciation of the true spirit of Masonry, and greater readiness to apply its principles in everyday life. All prospects are bright if brethren remain true to themselves."

"No brother should be promoted as a matter of course, nor should any brother be elected to the chair who has been either a failure or only a partial success as a Warden."

"My official visit to my mother lodge afforded me the brightest pleasure of all my life."

"The spirit of harmony is very evident, but two cases of the improper use of the ballot caused me anxiety and worry but owing to the prudent skill of the Masters, matters are now running smoothly."

"I have attended fifty-eight meetings and have endeavoured to instruct not criticize in a carping, nagging way."

"In this lodge it is the custom to put the examination questions of the next degree to the Wardens—who answer in turn—to show the candidate what will be expected of him."

"Two large flags stand in the east, and at the close of the lodge were carried to the altar by two P. Ms.—the brethren gathered round and God Save the King was sung—a very fitting ceremony when we consider the large numbers of our brethren who have answered the overseas call."

"The Master took the whole work of the third degree himself—including the invocations and charge—in my opinion, too great a strain for any one man."

"There was a precision and dignity about the Deacons' work which spoke well for their training. The candidate for initiation answered the questions put to him without prompt ing. This shows well the type of candidate."

Here is a touch of Nature:

"Following my custom of dropping in at meetings without announcement, I turned up, and, after the honeyed persuasion of the W. M., agreed to make my visit an official one. The W. M. is a host in himself—but why dilate? Every brother in the district knows Bro. Finnegan."

"There were in the room, including myself, twelve school teachers and a fine musical programme was given.

At last the Finance Minister has come into his own:

"The Treasurer has a keen eye on everyone and everything, with the result that all are keyed up to do their best."

"The candidate had years ago sat under me at an entrance examination and remarked that he was more nervous then than now."

"Waverley made me feel that I was in very truth with brothers, and the first degree, with full musical accompaniment, was conferred in a manner deserving of the highest praise."

"The officers are bright, active and enthusiastic men, and Masons, and the work has been done in accord with the men. Their ultimate aim has been to impress the fundamentals, and that Masonry is not a ritual, but a life."

"Many of those going to the front received degrees (and souvenirs) evidently as preparation for the high duty confronting them in this world struggle, and emphasizing the fact that the cause they were espousing in the field of battle is identical with the principles of Freemasonry."

"Four hundred and five enlisted brethren in this district show that the Masons are not only thinking seriously but actively living the serious problems of life."

"Out of \$7,000 paid out for relief, over \$1,300 was paid to the Red Cross Fund."

"Barton Lodge has commendably instituted an overseas correspondence club, writing and sending comforts to men at the front, more especially to those without relatives or friends."

"Lodges of Instruction, after re-distribution, will be not only an annual social reunion, but will conduce more to efficiency and uniformity than any other agency."

To departed friends and brethren one D. D. G. M. pays a noble tribute:

"They were ideal men and Masons. Each exerted a broad and effective influence for good in their respective spheres of operation. Though dead, they still live in hearts and memories of those they served so well."

"I have endeavoured to stimulate the desire to render the work perfectly and as impressively as possible, so as to bring out the full beauty and solemnity of the ceremonies"

"The striking feature of many evenings was that so many of the brethren were in the King's uniform," (properly clothed).

"The very presence of some men at a meeting is an inspiration to all and adds greatly to the pleasure of the evening."

"I fully realized the great confidence placed in me and also the great responsibility of the office."

"A few of the Secretaries are very negligent in sending to the D.D.G.M. all summonses of meetings and returns of deaths of members."

Probably no irony was intended, but one D.D.G.M. reports as follows: "The candidate being a military officer failed to put in an appearance, so the work for the evening was not put on."

"This lodge is favoured by several good singers, who render most efficient services throughout."

"This veteran—the oldest member—has a very clear memory and is able to instruct the younger brethren in the very many lessons to be learned from ancient Masonry."

"The harmony and enthusiasm which everywhere exists must result in stronger and more influential lodges."

"Masonic interest is keeping pace with military interest in a remarkable way, and, as the problems of our Empire grow more critical, the members of our craft realize more and more their responsibilities and rally to support the needs of the Empire."

"The officers conferred the degree in a nice, clear, smooth and impressive manner, and the lodge is in the best of hands."

"The W. M. revealed the light of Masonry to five candidates, all of whom had enlisted for overseas service, among them two sons of Bro. Mr. Justice Garrow, an old and esteemed member of the craft."

"The occasion of the institution of the lodge marked the beginning of a lodge of young and energetic Masons whose activities will find scope to advance and maintain the traditions of our fraternity."

"I called a meeting of the Masters and Past Masters of the district, when a Past Masters' Association was formed, and the question of re-distribution of districts was considered."

"Floor work tends to make the appearance of the lodge much smarter and more correct, and I pointed out to the J. Ws. that it is their duty to see that the brethren appear to order properly."

"We are not fair to our members. We take their fees, but do not render full value in the way of instruction and education in our noble art. Curtail the ritualistic work on certain nights and devote an hour to some Masonic subject."

"The lodge regretted the laying aside of the pen by the Secretary, who had filled that chair these many years and guided the brethren by his mature and wise judgment."

"The holding of two or three local lodges of instruction in the district will bear good fruit, the officers and brethren being well known to each other feel more at home and are less shy of asking questions (and getting answers)."

"The D.G.M.'s address was a delight—his ideals were high, but absolutely within the scope of our members, and, if in the future they may be attained, Canada will be the envy of the world in all departments of her government."

"My hope is that the seed that I have sown may bear blooms of pleasure for my successors."

"One feature of the evening was an address given on the Standards of Masonry by one of the officers. Such an address is prepared by some one of the officers for each meeting of the lodge."

"The year has been one of steady progress, the work of a high-class character, and prospects never so bright; good and edifying speeches were given by public men."

"The privilege of being a D.D.G.M. involves a great trust."

"The spirit of research has taken hold of Masons, young and old, and I have received many letters asking for guidance in the selection of books on Masonic lore. This is due to the efforts of the P.M. Association, which visits each lodge during the year, one P.M. being chosen each evening to address the brethren on some Masonic subject of interest."

"Some brethren only taste Masonry; others swallow it whole, but blessed are those who chew and digest it. Some there be who are suffering from Masonic indigestion."

"Each lodge has its own peculiar, indescribable thing called atmosphere—a precious asset."

"The brightest work is done by lodges that start on time—and have rehearsals."

"Masons are never bored when an appeal is made for a high standard of living."

"Work is put on more impressively when several P.Ms. each take a small portion of it. There is a tendency to provoke one another to good rendition."

"Grand honours (and other ceremonies) are given in a variety of methods. There is only one correct way."

"There was a galaxy of P. Ms. present. The lodge is strong on team work, and a splendid spirit is manifest."

"This mother lodge of the district does no degree work on nights of regular meetings. They transact their business and give over the rest of the time to a study of Masonic topics and developing the social side of life."

"Masonry is well blessed with many strong men who are the leaders in their respective communities."

"I arranged for the coupling of the lodges so that each of my official visits should in reality be a local lodge of instruction."

"Ambition and rectitude seems to me to be the dominating features of officers and brethren."

"Unity is pervaded with the military spirit."

"The virus of the blackball seems to have spent itself—cease discord and prosper."

"To visit their lodge is a privilege—to visit on a night of installation is an inspiration. Devotion and sacrifice in years past is now bearing good fruit; optimism is the keynote, and careful and painstaking work is being supplemented by high scholarly attainments."

"Notwithstanding the dark cloud hanging over us because of the war, Masonry is progressing beyond expectations."

"The work could scarcely be put on with more proficiency and less egotism."

"A ceremonial tablet was presented to the lodge by Bro. Lt.-Col. Stuart and was unveiled to the memory of a brother who died fighting for his country somewhere in France."

"The lodge's charity in the social line certainly knows no bounds."

"We should all be of one accord; too much cannot be said of the brotherly feeling existing."

"The office of D.D.G.M. may be employed for the prosecution of strenuous labour in the cause of social betterment. His work is inspectorial and inquisitorial."

"Masonry has zealously guarded and defended liberty of thought, an essential principle in human development. It is in the department of interpretation that an official visitor may find scope. No truth can be efficiently taught unless those entrusted with the delineation of the same are masters in their craft."

"Equality stands for that freedom of action which is consonant with the weal of all, and in Masonry it proclaims the doctrine of 'Liberty of Interpretation.' The main work of the lodge is to confer degrees—that is to teach. The candidate is the all-important member of the trinity; everything should have him in view; impressive rendering is the ideal."

"Large lodges, kindly note that there are centres where a Past Master is not a common species."

"I required the conferring of but one degree at any single visit. I thus had time to correct irregularities and to address the brethren on some phase of Masonic history, philosophy, or ceremonial. The great work is the teaching of principles through the conferring of degrees."

"The institution of our choice is steadily gaining ground so we who are now in nominal control of its destinies should not fancy that the climax has been reached."

"Through the media of such gatherings, with the Grand Master present, a more intimate relationship becomes possible among the lodges themselves, and between the rank and file of the membership and the officials of the sovereign body."

"All are needed by each one."

"Nothing is fair or good alone."

"The officers viewed their work seriously—the first requisite—and had a sincere desire to learn, and an appreciation of what was taught."

"I hope I have been instrumentals in placing before the lodges an ideal worthy of attainment, while valuing at the same time the hopes and aspirations of those who came to hear."

"Worthy members have broken ranks, and beside their graves those who had been linked with them in fraternal association, publicly expressed the Freemason's faith in Brotherhood, God and Immortality."

"We know transplanted human worth,

Will bloom to profit elsewhere."

"Distinguish between fixity of ceremony and matters of opinion, and in this way avoid the positivism of the fadist and the laxity of the latitudinarian."

"Evidence of that unity so necessary to histrionic achievements as each successive actor appeared upon the stage—the officers' connection with the ceremonies, not an independent one but subsidiary to the development of a single plot."

"The essentials for adequate representation of lodge ceremonies are: (1) the emblematic value of the candidate; (2) the unity of each degree; (3) the philosophy of the series."

"Never interfere with the individuality of an officer for it is the personal equation which lends interest and originality to the portrayal."

"I have thus related myself to the Freemasonry understood and practiced in my district. The review of the work was appreciatively received, the brethren place a high value upon Freemasonry, and endeavour to make its principles operative."

"Masonry is in a flourishing condition when one district can provide two large meetings, one a lodge of instruction, and the other with the G. M. present, on the same date, both being crowded."

"The P. Ms. personally see that the work is kept up to the standard."

"The D.D.G.M. should examine and approve the work of the officers who are to exemplify the degrees at the lodge of instruction, so that it may be an object lesson of work as nearly perfect as possible, so that those attending will see it as it should be, and not as a subject of discussion."

"Their zeal and energy have made successful alike the ritual, social and fraternal work of the lodge—the best school of Masonry."

"The Senior Deacon drives eighteen miles to attend lodge, and has only missed two meetings during two years. This is typical."

"A freedom from embarrassment and restraint, and an ease of manner and delivery characterized the work throughout."

"In Elk Lake Lodge about 25 per cent. of its membership has donned the khaki. Their dues have been remitted, and great credit is due for the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice."

"I found the new lodge of Espanola, with a beautiful, attractive room—a model of neatness—a separate dining room and kitchen fully equipped, and a large recreation and reading-room with billiard tables, etc., where the brethren spend their leisure hours in this true North."

"His cheery presence was an inspiration to the brethren wherever he went. Thoughtful courtesies and pleasant hours will never be forgotten."

"A point of interest and importance (which should not be lost sight of) is the splendid class of men who are devoting their time and energy to the work as OFFICERS of

the various lodges, which are in a most healthy condition, and an ideal fraternal spirit prevails."

We quite agree. Do not forget the Senior and Junior Wardens. "Look well to the West; Look well to the South."

"I wish especially to commend the work of the Secretary. The position of Secretary is one of great importance in the harmonious workings of the lodge. It seems to me the records might be simplified, and greater uniformity secured if a universal set of books were devised."

"In almost every lodge there is an honour roll of men who have offered themselves for King and Country, for the cause of liberty, justice and humanity, and many others who have already given their lives and thus discharged their highest obligation as Masons; for 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.' To the homes that have been bereaved and the hearts that are lonely and sad we extend our heartfelt sympathy."

"The work was done with dignity and precision, and the degree as conferred was well calculated to impress the candidate and was given with attention to detail, which afforded evidence of careful and intelligent study of the spirit as well as the outward ceremony."

"The address was a scholarly masterpiece. Other addresses appealed to the manhood of those present. I regret to say that in some of the lodges there is not sufficient respect shown to the chair, and I would respectfully submit that the Masters themselves should insist upon every courtesy being shown and due decorum being observed."

These remarks show originality, a clear conception of duty (for Masonry is far more than a gospel of goodwill) and many of the extracts are nuggets in rich ore.

Masons bear transplanting well. Masonry is wherever the loyal heart of a member of the Royal craft beats. So, in considering the condition of Masonry, we must not forget our BRETHERN AT THE FRONT who are men whose fathers were men. The sire lives in his sons, and the lion has left a whelp wherever his claw was set. That conditions overseas are sound to the core we know by what has been achieved, and we of this Grand Lodge are privileged to read three messages from brethren in trench and hospital, which are human documents and living epistles, and breathe the chivalrous spirit of the traditions of that army that has always conquered, not by mass and multitude, but by tenacity of purpose, consciousness of right, and the remembrance of the dear ones at home and the symbol of the Empire's flag. The first greeting is from R. W. Bro. Preston, Past D.D.G.M. of Orangeville, who never missed a Grand Lodge meeting. The second is from a young brother, a Captain of Engineers. The third from a still younger brother, a Corporal in hospital—who emphasizes the blessings of the Red Cross. Hear Colonel Preston:

"It is those who fall that win, and, while a man never knows when he may become such a winner, he sticks re-

solutely to his post with the courage born of the consciousness that no matter how long it takes or what it costs, the game must be won if Christianity and civilization are not to disappear from the face of the earth.

And there are some compensations. One of them is the splendid spirit of the men. I have nothing but good to say of any branch of the service, but I take off my hat specially to the infantry, the incomparable British infantry (including, of course, the Canadian infantry), who live in the front line trenches for days and weeks at a time, showered with shrapnel, blown up or buried with high explosives, potted at by snipers and assailed with every other diabolical engine of death which the wit of the Hun has been able to devise, constantly under fire, always looking death in the face, digging and fighting by turns at night, fighting and resting between shells by day, but always on the job and doing it all with a zest and a smile as cheerfully and as confidently as they would do an ordinary day's work at home. They are simply splendid. And if the British Empire does not prosecute this war to its bitter end, until such another war shall have been rendered impossible, for at least 100 years, she will be unworthy of the splendid men who are daily giving their lives to that end in the firing line.

"Another compensation is the wonderful way in which men constantly escape death or injury and live and fight on through an inferno, which seems to be nothing less than hell let loose upon earth. And so it is every day—men escape by what cannot be described otherwise than as miracles. And it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that many of them are miracles, and that God still protects those who fight His battles. And I think the men generally feel and realize this, although it may be unconsciously, or subconsciously, and believe that they will not go until their work is done."

Do not our pulses bound? Does not every fibre respond to this noble tribute of the gallant brother? Now note the truly brotherly spirit of the young Engineer brother who has been awarded the military cross for three distinct acts of bravery in the field.

"I do thank you most sincerely for all the kind things you have written about the little service I was able to perform, and I feel I am very fortunate indeed, but when I wear my decoration, it will be worn (I hope worthily) for the boys who have backed me in every enterprise and undertaking I have gone into. They have all been splendid at all times, have my boys, and I feel that were it possible I would just like to divide my military cross into pieces, giving to each man share and share alike, for all are equally deserving with myself."

There speaks the true comrade. Now listen to the young corporal brother who lies in Lincoln hospital, shot through face and neck:

Bed 8, 4 Northern General Hospital,

Lincoln, England, 1916.

"I can never write or express my feelings sufficiently regarding the Red Cross, nor shall I ever forget my trip from the trenches to Lincoln. It has been one continuous stream of kindness and of care, and of thoughtfulness bordering very closely on tenderness. It was my experience to find no one—motor car attendants or orderlies—who were not filled with the same solicitude for a chap's ease and comfort as the sisters and nurses themselves. And what wonders these women and girls are! I wish you might see them working at the base hospitals. How they do it all, hour after hour, and hour after hour, smiling and cheerful, is far past me. New cases every day, and their "efforts" all being sent to England or the hospitals in France away from them. What awful messes we are when we get to the nurses! It may have been weeks since a fellow has bathed—blood and mud, mud and blood in profusion—but it is mighty soon all changed, and you are clean once more in clean clothes, and best of all, perhaps if lucky, in a cot between white sheets after months and months of absence from them. You may not be able to sleep, but you are at least, to use the soldier's phrase, "damn comfortable." But I am running loose, and were I to start writing all about it I am afraid it would just keep on and on for pages. I do not know what our Canadian hospitals are like, but nothing could be finer than the nurses here in this British hospital; not only our physical welfare is very ably attended to, but constant entertainments are arranged to keep us in good cheer. It is just one more tie—and a very strong one—all this kindness, should God spare me to again live in Canada, to bind me more firmly than ever to England and the Empire."

The wonderful Red Cross with all its Knightly symbolism to Masons, the alleviation of suffering, the assuaging of distress, the saving of life—that precious human life, now our greatest Imperial asset; and the Canadian branch of the St. John's Ambulance, under the Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, whose fundamental principle, "pro utilitate hominum," is service in the cause of humanity. What a field for Masons to support and maintain in peace and war, these national associations of practical philanthropy in the growth of human welfare. And what a glorious work Canadian womanhood, in her league of co-operative good cheer, is doing in the conflict, and Canadian womanhood is best expressed to a Canadian Mason in the person of his wife, his mother, his sister, and his child—all offering as they do:

Our hands to assist,
Our words to encourage,
Our prayers to hearten,
Our soldiers at the front.

and seeking, perhaps unconsciously, the solace of their own distress by extending relief and consolation to their fellow creatures.

It has been suggested that some emblem of a combined Military and Masonic character and significance should be approved, to be presented to and worn by those thus nearly related to the men and brethren who have stood and are standing the test and withstanding the battle shock for us and for altars and firesides. Woman strikes a deeper note when she calls to the sublime degree of the sacrifice of service.

"All that one could desire is to awake and acclaim in their children, their husbands and brothers, and in their very fathers, the conviction that DEFENSIVE WAR is a thing so holy that all must be abandoned, forgotten, sacrificed, and death must be faced heroically to defend and save that which is most sacred—Our Country."

Humanity has come to a parting of the ways. Would that all our kin recognized that the "Rights of Man" include international rights. We would then have less of indifferent neutrality and stand-alooftness when the call of the great league to restrain aggression and restore landmarks, is heard, trumpet-tongued, declaring that even nations must answer affirmatively: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

There will be a new wind blowing through this Empire when this war is done. Let us be ready, furnishing energy for the great engine of public activity for the common weal.

O, see that ye build securely,
When the time for building comes—
With the square-hewn blocks of righteousness,
And corner-stones of faithfulness,
And girders strong of righted wrong,
And the blood of our martyrdoms!
And build on the one foundation,
That shall make the building sure—
The Rock that was laid ere the world was made,
Build on Him, and ye build secure.

Two thoughts remain with us day and night—Britain's ships in the North Sea and Britain's soldiers in the trenches, and encircling and sustaining both the justice of a great cause. And with these proud thoughts is ever associated the grateful memory of our dead brother—the maker of armies—the organizer of victory, R. W. Bro. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, who lived a soldier's life and died a Viking's death. Recall for a moment the great memorial service at St. Paul's: An age was there as well as a world; never has music touched hearts more subtly—more profoundly. There were many great men around the King and the two Queens, but they were all merged in the greatness of death. The sense of brotherhood and comradeship melted us all into one marvellous sodality of patriotism. We were one people

under the dome. It was not a congregation that was shedding its tears, it was an Empire.

He had the elements so mixed in him that nature could stand up and say to all the world, this was a man!

Last year his honoured brother in the craft and Commander and comrade in the field, Brother Lord Roberts of Candahar, who

Passed in the very battle smoke
Of the war he had descried:
Three hundred miles of cannon spoke,
When the Master Gunner died.

This year another Deputy Grand Master, Kitchener, passed dramatically from earthly duties done, with the "Hampshire" where the tide regularly ebbs and flows, and we doubt not was welcomed within the portals by the great Elder Brother, and by the spirits of those soldiers of the King who have won immortality in this world's war by laying down their lives for their fellowmen, for us and for freedom.

Our greatest yet with least pretence
Great in council and great in war,
Foremost Captain of his time,
Rich in saving commonsense,
And as the greatest only are
In his simplicity sublime.

What more fitting grave than where Britain's sceptre of the sea still holds sway, where the King's highway is still swept clear and open, where

"Britain's stalwart sailors keep
The bastions of the brine."

and where the oratorio of the great sea waves sounds our brother's requiem.

There sleeps he with the heroes of the Jutland fight—who numbered among them many Masons—for whom our hearts go out with mingled pride and pathos, tragedy and triumph.

"If blood be the price of Admiralty
Lord God we have paid in full!"

And what of us who remain—what of us for whom they died? Let us learn our lesson of cheery optimism from our brethren at the front. Let us be up and doing, and TOGETHER, for

"Common graves make common cause
A common grief together draws
Both high and low—a common sorrow
Links us to face our foes tomorrow."

There is one great toast now at all Masonic gatherings which will never be omitted and which should be received with all the honours and in ample form—'To the memory of our departed brethren'—and especially to the cherished memory of those Masons (of whom W. Bro. Malcolm S. Mercer is but a type) and sons of Masons who, have heard the sunset gun for the last time on our globe terrestrial, and over whose often unknown graves may well be written: "Somewhere hereabouts lies a very gallant gentleman."

So this year, as last year, let us repeat the Hail and Farewell:

And you, our brothers, who for all our praying,
 To this dear lodge of ours come back no more,
 Who lie, our Country's debt of honour paying,
 And not in vain upon the Belgian shore,
 Till that great day when at the Throne of Heaven
 The Books are open and the Judgment set,
 Your lives for honour and for Empire given,
 This Lodge will not forget.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope,
 seconded by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, begs to report:

In these times of stress and strife, of sudden surprises, and anxious expectation, of fears and forebodings, and yet, withal, times of steadfast hope and entire confidence in the ultimate triumph of the truth and right, when every day brings tidings of reverse or victory, and we can hardly wait for the next message from across the sea to scan the long list of our patriots who have fallen, wounded or dying, for their country and their king, when every journal brings daily the news and eulogy of more, and still more, who have made the supreme sacrifice for world liberty and freedom of conscience, it seems at first thought a somewhat useless task to try to add anything to what is being said from day to day. Yet, following the custom of our Order, a custom honoured by long observance, it is becoming that we should,

at this especial time give our meed of praise to the departed, and lay this little wreath of kindly thoughts upon their graves.

"As many men, so many minds." Some say: "Why mourn the dead who die with fame? Rather let us esteem them blessed, and be glad that they have won an everlasting glory." Some again, with hearts still bleeding, cry: "What needed that our loved ones must perish? Oh that we had them with us here again!" It is hard, indeed; nor would any of us wish to convince the sorrowing mother, just orphaned of her son, that she should feel happy rather than grieved. The immensity of the sacrifice demanded of parents in their country's war doubtless does and will bring surpassing national recompense, and, in so far, the philosophy is sound. Nevertheless philosophy heals no broken hearts.

Solon, wise man of ancient days, when asked whom he thought to be the most fortunate of men, said: "Tello of Athens. For to Tello, when his city was prosperous, were given good and beautiful children, and to all of them he saw offspring born of whom all survived. And when he was well off in life, as things are with us, there came upon him the brightest close of his days. For when a battle came to pass between the Athenians and their neighbours, having gone to help and routed the foe, he died most gloriously, and they buried him publicly where he fell, and honoured him greatly." And so these ancients thought that fame alone converts existence into a blessing, and death quits the score; that a glorious death may well compensate for a life cut short, because, although the mass of men live and die and are none the better, those who perish in the service of their country are always remembered.

And this, I think, is the conclusion. It is not wrong, but very natural, to regret the dead, to wish that they still lived, to miss their loved faces, to long to hear again their dear voices. But also it is right to lighten in some little measure the burden of our sorrow by remembrance of their virtues, their kindly acts, their genial nature, and, for some, their glorious death.

No man lives in vain. Someone has said:

"The perfume shed by one true noble life

Nerves countless souls to earnest sublime strife."

Many of us have read with admiration the parable of the old man, who in his journey came to a deep chasm over which he crossed with difficulty and danger; then, when safe on the other side, he turned and straightway began to build a bridge across the perilous gulf. "Why," asked one, "in the evening of your life waste your strength building here? You will never again pass this way." "But others are coming," he replied, "others who must cross; I am building for them."

Now, we cannot all have the big things to do; nor is it given to all men to be famed. In the old castle at Edinburgh it is said that the way to the crown jewels leads through a very crooked and dingy passage. "The humble doorways of common duties are frequently the way to the room where God keeps his jewels." We all have a chance to be good, nationally and privately. Every man can do something to make his land a better land, his nation a better nation; every man can do something to foster honesty, courage, good citizenship, humanity and piety, in the full sense of that word. And, doing this, he has achieved the highest possibilities of patriotism.

"One dared to die. In a swift moment's space
Fell in war's forefront, laughter on his face.
Bronze tells his fame in many a market place.
Another dared to live the long years through;
Felt his slow heart's blood ooze, like crimson dew,
For duty's sake, and smiled. And no one knew."

Nor should we withhold our applause and tokens of love until our friends are dead.

"A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead;
In filling love's infinite store,
A rose to the living is more,
If graciously given before
The hungering spirit is fled—
A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead."

Even if we had no immediate return for kindly acts and words (which, of course, is untrue, for loving deeds bless both him who gives and him who takes), yet, in days to come, the memory of these things done long ago would help to dull the pain of sorrow, and would strengthen our faltering belief that "it is all for the best."

And here we write the roll of those who have left us in the year just gone; not all so well known to all of us, but each with his treasured circle of intimate friends, who know his virtues and lament his loss; some who, it would seem, had many years of useful life to live; others who, perhaps, were glad to let the torch drop from their tired hands.

"O weary hands! that all the day
Were set to labour hard and long,
Now softly fall the shadows gray,
The bells are rung for evensong.
An hour ago the golden sun
Sank slowly down into the west;
Poor weary hands, your toil is done:
'Tis time for rest! 'Tis time for rest!"

IN OUR OWN JURISDICTION.

R. W. BRO. THOMAS L. M. TIPTON, P.D.D.G.M.,
Niagara District No. 10. Died 8th August, 1915.

R. W. BRO. ROBERT McDONALD, P.D.D.G.M.,
Niagara District No. 10. Died 14th August, 1915.

R. W. BRO. GEORGE C. HOLDEN, P.D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District No. 8. Died 22nd August, 1915.

R. W. BRO. RICHARD MAHONEY, P.D.D.G.M.,
Wellington District No. 7. Died 28th October, 1915.

R. W. BRO. JAMES E. MERRIMAN, P.D.D.G.M.,
Niagara District No. 10. Died 2nd November, 1915.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM WEBSTER, P.D.D.G.M.,
Prince Edward District No. 13. Died 5th January, 1916.

R. W. BRO. JOHN NETTLETON, P.D.D.G.M.,
Georgian District No. 9. Died 9th January, 1916.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM A. SNEATH, P.D.D.G.M.,
Georgian District No. 9. Died 13th March, 1916.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM J. SIMPSON, P.G.S.W., Sussex
Lodge No. 5, Brockville. Died 9th April, 1916.

R. W. BRO. DANIEL DERBYSHIRE, P.G.R., P.M.,
Sussex Lodge No. 5, Brockville. Died 18th June, 1916.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM H. MACFADDEN, P.D.D.
G.M., Toronto District No. 11. Died 21st June, 1916.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM HENRY CAVELL, P.D.D.G.
M., Toronto East District No. 11a. Died 9th July, 1916.

V. W. BRO. JAMES MIGHT, P. G. Pursuivant, P.M.,
J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook. Died 26th January,
1915.

V. W. BRO. ALEXANDER McGACHIE, P. Asst.
G. D. of C., P.M. King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, Wood-
stock. Died 13th August, 1915.

V. W. BRO. JOHN McLEOD, P.G. St'd., P.M.,
Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville. Died 3rd December,
1915.

V. W. BRO. JOHN MIDGLEY, P. Asst. G. D. of C.,
P.M., St. Thomas' Lodge No. 44, St. Thomas. Died 19th
February, 1916.

V. W. BRO. EDWARD H. TIFFANY, P.G.J.D., P.M.,
Alexandria Lodge No. 439, Alexandria. Died 15th March,
1916.

V. W. BRO. THOMAS W. BARBER, P. G. D. of C.,
P.M., Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport. Died 24th
March, 1916.

V. W. BRO. EDWARD MOSGROVE, P. G. St'd.,
P.M., Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield. Died 10th June,
1916.

V. W. BRO. WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Asst. G. O., P.M.,
St. John's Lodge No. 209a, London. Died 22nd June, 1916.

V. W. BRO. SAMUEL WESLEY, P.G.D. of C., P.
M., Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie. Died 4th July, 1916.

R. W. BRO. JAMES BIRCH, P.D.D.G.M., Erie Dis-
trict No. 1. Died 6th of July, 1916.

V. W. BRO. ARTHUR BOWLBY, P.G.S.D., P.M.,
Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford. Died 19th July, 1916.

IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

M. W. BRO. THEODORE AUGUSTUS COSSMANN, P.G.M., Grand Lodge Nova Scotia. 28th April, 1915.

M. W. BRO. ENOS WASGATE, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Florida. 5th March, 1915.

M.W. BRO. ALMOS J. WITT, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arkansas. 17th March, 1915.

M.W. BRO. FRANCIS ASBURY SHAW, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arizona. 10th April, 1915.

M.W. BRO. JOHN MERRIKEN CARTER, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maryland. 3rd July, 1915.

M.W. BRO. JOHN YOUNG MURRY, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi. 12th July, 1915.

M.W. BRO. MARTIN WILLIAM KALES, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arizona. 14th July, 1915.

M.W. BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON BALL, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Iowa. 18th July, 1915.

M.W. BRO. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AYRES, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arkansas. 2nd August, 1915.

M.W. BRO. ALBERT WALLACE CRITES, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nebraska. 23rd August, 1915.

M.W. BRO. CHARLES T. PHILPS, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nebraska. 24th August, 1915.

M.W. BRO. ALLEN M. HICKS, Grand Lecturer and Hon. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi. 22nd September 1915.

M.W. BRO. HALFDAN BENDEKE, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota. 23rd September, 1915.

M.W. BRO. CHARLES W. MEAD, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of New York. 29th September, 1915.

M.W. BRO. ALFRED W. CHEESEMAN, G.M., Grand Lodge of Louisiana. 30th September, 1915.

M.W. BRO. JOHN BELL DINSMORE, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nebraska. 6th October, 1915.

M.W. BRO. CHARLES TRUMBULL GRANGER, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Iowa. 26th October, 1915.

M.W. BRO. R. HENRY YOUNG, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware. 15th November, 1915.

M.W. BRO. ANTONIO BROOKS GRACE, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arkansas. 2nd December, 1915.

M.W. BRO. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FRYMIER, Sr., P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas. 4th December, 1915.

M.W. BRO. JOHN T. WILLIAMSON, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Tennessee. 10th December, 1915.

M.W. BRO. ROBERT WHITE, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Virginia. 12th December, 1915.

M.W. BRO. VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware. 28th December, 1915.

M.W. BRO. WILLIAM HAYES SCOTT, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois. 30th December, 1915.

M.W. BRO. DANIEL McDONALD, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Indiana. 9th January, 1916.

M.W. BRO. SIDNEY W. DOUGLAS, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Indiana. 10th January, 1916.

M.W. BRO. WILLIAM T. MITCHELL, P.G.M.,
Grand Lodge of Michigan. 6th February, 1916.

M.W. BRO. WILLIAM FISKE CLEVELAND, P.G.
M., Grand Lodge of Iowa. 19th February, 1916.

M.W. BRO. ASA P. FITCH, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of
Connecticut. 29th March, 1916.

M.W. BRO. THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, P.G.M.,
Grand Lodge of Idaho. 6th April, 1916.

M.W. BRO. GEORGE HATCH, P.G.M., Grand Lodge
of West Virginia. 27th April, 1916.

M.W. BRO. ROBERT CROSBY HILL, P.G.M., Grand
Lodge of Washington. 10th May, 1916.

M.W. BRO. WILLIAM AMOS De BORD, P.G.M.,
Grand Lodge of Nebraska. 17th May, 1916.

M.W. BRO. LUCIEN ELY WOOD, P.G.M., Grand
Lodge of Michigan. 5th June, 1916.

M.W. BRO. CASWELL A. GOODLOE, P.G.M., Grand
Lodge of Tennessee. 12th July, 1916.

M.W. BRO. EDWARD R. HARE, P.G.M., Grand
Lodge of Washington. 16th July, 1916.

Our brethren have preceded us to the realms of the blest
by only a short time. To them has been revealed all that
to us is a mystery. For them we pronounce the primitive
Christian prayer:

"Grant to them, Lord, eternal rest, and let light per-
petual shine upon them." And also the Hebrew benedic-
tion:

"Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we com-
mend them. The Lord bless and keep them. The Lord
make his face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon them and give them
peace, now and forevermore."

Brethren of the Compasses and the Square, let us who
are alive so live, and so perform our duties, that we be
neither surprised by death, nor leave behind us uncanceled
obligations and worthless memories.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. LOGAN,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Corres-
pondence, which upon motion by R. W. Bro. W. H.
Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed,

was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following special report in respect to:

The Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of the Philippine Islands.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to which was referred a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, begs leave to report.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was formed in the year 1912, by three regular and legitimate lodges of craft Masons which held warrants from the Grand Lodge of California.

At that time there were lodges in the Philippine Islands holding warrants under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Kingdom of Spain. It is asserted that they were formed into a Regional or District Grand Lodge.

There were also two lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Spanish Supreme Council is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, as a regular and legitimate body of craft Masons. If it were such, it could not be held to exercise exclusive jurisdiction in a country not part of the Kingdom of Spain, even while subject to the King of Spain, and still less so after that country became the territory of the United States. A Regional or District Grand Lodge cannot exercise exclusive jurisdiction in any country.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland never claimed exclusive jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands and it has recognized the new Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

Your Committee holds that in 1912 the Philippine Islands were unoccupied Masonic territory, and that the three lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of California were competent to form a regular Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore recommends that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and that an exchange of representatives be authorized.

Fraternally submitted,

A. T. FREED,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with respect to the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands be received and adopted.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following special report in respect to:

The Grand Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Argentine Republic.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred a request for fraternal recognition from the Grand Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Argentine Republic begs leave to report:

1. That the Grand Orient in question does not appear to be a regular and legitimate body of craft Masons.
2. That, such as it is, it appears to be divided into two factions, each accusing the other of grave Masonic irregularities. And the Committee recommends that the request be not entertained.

Fraternally submitted,

A. T. FREED,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with respect to the Grand Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Argentine Republic be received and adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for election of Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, and for the place of holding the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge were called for, as provided by the Constitution.

CALLED OFF.

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 4.30 o'clock p.m., to meet again at nine o'clock on July 20th.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, July 20, 1916.

The Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9.15 o'clock a.m., M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master on the throne; Grand Officers, members and representatives present.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes and for the place of holding the next annual communication; directed them to collect the ballot and to report the result to Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd (27), Hamilton, Chairman; W. Bro. W. R. Ledger (384), Toronto; W. Bro. Lloyd L. Miller (45), Brantford; W. Bro. A. W. Grant (148), Ottawa; R. W. Bro. J. H. Birkett (92), Kingston; W. Bro. E. W. G. Quantz (42), London; W. Bro. S. P. Boland (447), Sturgeon Falls; Bro. W. Burnett (257), Galt; V. W. Bro. A. Jemison (145), Millbrook; R. W. Bro. R. N. Fraser (245), Thamesville; W. Bro. R. Routley (499), Port Arthur; W. Bro. Wm. H. Hayes (162) Wroxeter; W. Bro. Hugh Hunter (153), Wyoming; W. Bro. W. A. Oliver (58), Ottawa; W. Bro. R. L. Shriner (221), Thorold; W. Bro. H. W. Ladd (314), Palmerton; Bro. E. Denroche (332), Stratford; W. Bro. R. S. Muir (384), Toronto; V. W. Bro. G. B. Perry (382), Hamilton; W. Bro. A. B. Clark (382), Hamilton; R. W. Bro. J. Hilliar (454), Burk's Falls; W. Bro. R. T. Hughes (440), Minden; V. W. Bro. J. J. Wilson (454), Burk's Falls; W. Bro. S. A. Graham (289), Lobo; W. Bro. A. Christie (418), Maxville; W. Bro. A. V. Bliss (287) Port Arthur; W. Bro. T. J. Stenhouse (415), Fort William; W. Bro. M. Huff (164), Wellington; W. Bro. W. R. Dawson (503), Inwood; W. Bro. W. J. Potts (38), Trenton.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION, CONSIDERATION OF

Notices of Motion Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 by M. W. Bro. John E. Harding were withdrawn.

Notices of Motion Nos. 5, 6 and 7. It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and **Resolved**

No. 5. That Section 45 of the Constitution be amended to read:—

45. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any annual meeting thereof by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice in writing stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration shall have been given at the preceding annual meeting, or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary before the first day of May preceding the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, and published in the notice paper. Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge shall not be reconsidered at any time within five years after such rejection, except leave be given by Grand Lodge by a two-thirds vote, such vote to be taken without debate.

No. 6. That Clause 7 of Section 84 of the Constitution be amended to read:—

He shall, on or before the 15th day of May in each year, send to each lodge and to every officer of Grand Lodge copies of notices of motion.

No. 7. That rule No. 61 respecting Trials for Masonic offences, in the Constitution be amended to read:—

61. When a lodge recommends to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 34, that a brother be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Board, when the matter comes up

for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such a recommendation and papers reach the Grand Secretary in sufficient time to admit of the service of a notice upon the convicted brother, the Grand Secretary shall serve a ten days' notice upon him, either personally or by registered letter addressed to him at his last known address, requiring him to appear before the Board of General Purposes two days preceding the annual communication of Grand Lodge to show cause at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled for his offence.

No. 8. It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That Section 129, sub-section v. (i) be amended to read:—

(i). The report on Fraternal Correspondence.

No. 9. It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. McFadden seconded by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That Section 245 of the Constitution be amended by altering item number twelve with respect to fees payable by each lodge to Grand Lodge for every member, to read:—

For every member of each lodge, one dollar per annum.

No. 10. Owing to the death of V. W. Bro. Tiffany the notice was allowed to lapse.

No. 11. Was allowed to stand until the next annual communication at the request of R. W. Bro. J. Kerr Bryden, the mover.

No. 12. It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed

That paragraph No. 2 in the charge to the newly initiated Candidate, in the Constitution be altered to read:

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of the state which for a time may become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the ruler of the country of which you are a naturalized citizen.

Moved in amendment by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson seconded by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be empowered to appoint a special committee, in view of special conditions arising out of the war, to revise that portion of the Past Master's charge relating to the duty of a Mason as a citizen of the world and that the said charge as amended by said special committee, upon receiving the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master, be substituted for said portino of said charge as same is now contained in the Book of Constitution.

No. 13 was not recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

No. 14 M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson presented the following report of the Special Committee appointed at last annual communication, to whom this matter was referred.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CENTRAL MASONIC BUREAUS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

The Special Committee re Central Masonic Bureaus met at the call of the Chairman at Toronto on the 4th July, 1916, the following brethren being present: M. W. Bros. J. Ross Robertson, D. F. MacWatt; R. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith; W. Bros. John B. Brennan and Joseph Whyte Rogers. Letters of regret were read from M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, R. W. Bros. Thos. Rowe and Fred. Cook.

Your Committee appointed at the last regular communication of Grand Lodge, to enquire into the central Masonic bureau system of dealing with applications for initiation, report that they have made a very thorough examination of the bureau system, and have arrived at the following conclusions, viz.:

That in view of the facts gathered by your special committee—a summary of which is herewith submitted—your committee is of the opinion that the Toronto lodges were justified in forming a Central Masonic Bureau for their own protection, and we recommend—

That Grand Lodge take immediate steps to amend the constitution in order that central Masonic bureaus may be established wherever desirable in districts or cities where there are lodges having concurrent jurisdiction; and, anticipating the adoption of this report, we recommend—

That the following amendment to Section 199 of the Constitution be substituted in lieu of the proposed change embodied in the notice of motion given by W. Bro. Joseph Whyte Rogers, viz.:

By adding thereto after the word "jurisdiction" in the last line thereof, the following:

"Except in cities or districts where a masonic bureau is working, when such notice may be given to the Secretary of such bureau instead of to the Masters of lodges.

"199a. In any city or district in which there are lodges having concurrent jurisdiction there may be established, by the vote of a majority of the lodges in said city or district, a masonic bureau, to which all applications for initiation and for affiliation to lodges therein and all suspensions and restorations in such lodges shall be reported. Such bureaus shall be composed of one representative from each lodge having concurrent jurisdiction, who shall be elected annually by open vote of the members present at the election of officers of the lodge, and shall have power to elect officers and frame by-laws and rules for the proper government of the bureau and for the orderly discharge of its duties; all such by-laws, rules and amendments thereto are to be approved by the M.W. the Grand Master before becoming valid and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary. The maintenance of the bureau is to be borne by the lodges where such is established and those having concurrent jurisdiction therewith.

"199b. In any city or district where such bureau is established the Secretary of each lodge therein, and those having concurrent jurisdiction therewith, shall, upon receipt of an application for membership in such lodge, immediately forward the name of the applicant, together with all the information he has collected therewith, to the Secretary of the bureau; he shall also, after each regular meeting of the lodge, advise the Secretary of the bureau what disposition has been made of each application for membership, together with the names of members suspended and the cause thereof, and the names of restored members. The Secretary of the bureau shall keep a systematic record of all such applications and information, and should his record show that an applicant has been rejected within twelve months prior to the date of the application, he shall forthwith advise the Secretary of the lodge concerned; he shall also send monthly to the Secretary of each of said lodges a statement of all rejections, suspensions and restorations as they are reported to him."

In view of the specific cases which were submitted for the consideration of your Committee, we are of the opinion that the Central Masonic Bureau of Toronto is of prime necessity, and that it is successfully accomplishing the ends for which it was organized. One of the members of your Committee, in a letter expressing his regret at not being able to attend the meeting of the Committee, stated that he could cite cases in his own city similar to those there given. No doubt the irregularities already referred to are prevalent to a greater or lesser extent in all districts in which there are lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, and

for this reason we feel that the bureau system could with advantage be extended to districts other than the Toronto districts.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on Central Masonic Bureaus be received and adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Joseph Whyte Rogers, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. G. Horwood, in substitution for Notice of Motion No. 14 and

Resolved, That Section 199 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto, after the word "jurisdiction," in the last line thereof, the following:

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of, and the names of restored members. The Secretary of the bureau shall keep a systematic record of all such applications and information, and should his record show that an applicant has been rejected within twelve months prior to the date of the application, he shall forthwith advise the Secretary of the lodge concerned; he shall also send monthly to the Secretary of each of said lodges a statement of all rejections, suspensions and restorations as they are reported to him."

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

No.	District	D.D.G.M.	P. O. Address
1	Erie	Wm. J. Douglas	Windsor
1a	Erie	Fred. W. Judd	St. Thomas
2	St. Clair	Wesley Carter	Sarnia
3	London	Cyrus H. Ziegler	London
4	South Huron	Percy T. Coupland	St. Marys
5	North Huron	John Watson	Listowel
6	Wilson	Harry P. Stoneman	Ingersoll
7	Wellington	Everon Flath	Drayton
8	Hamilton	Geo. H. Lanigan	Hamilton
9	Georgian	Wm. J. Hill	Alliston
10	Niagara	Charles T. Farrell	Grimsby
11	Toronto West	John W. Lawrence	Toronto
11a	Toronto East	Harris C. Tugwell	Toronto
11b	Toronto Centre	John A. Rowland	Toronto
12	Ontario	George M. Peebles	Colborne
13	Prince Edward	Henry F. Ketcheson	Belleville
14	Frontenac	John H. Birkett	Kingston
15	St. Lawrence	Wm. L. Tait	Smith's Falls
16	Ottawa	Charles W. Jeffrey	Ottawa
17	Algoma	Dugald McBane	Rainy River
18	Nipissing	Charles W. McCrea	Sault Ste. Marie
19	Muskoka	Joseph Hilliar	Burk's Falls
20	Victoria	James B. Begg	Lindsay
21	Eastern	John A. Locke	Cardinal
22	Temiscaming	Reginald H. James	Cobalt
23	Brant	James C. Spence	Brantford
24	Bruce	Andrew P. Johnston	Walkerton
25	Grey	John A. Mills	Shelburne

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters (with the exception of R. W. Bro. John A. Locke, D.D.G.M. of Eastern District No. 21), and they were duly proclaimed and saluted with

grand honours. R. W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, P. D.D.G.M. of District No. 21, was authorized and instructed to install and invest R. W. Bro. Locke of District No. 21, at the earliest convenient date.

Subsequently it was reported to the Grand Secretary that the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 21 above-named had been duly installed and invested as directed.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. W. D. McPHERSON, P.G.M.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

Your Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge to present M. W. Brother W. D. McPherson, the retiring Grand Master, with a suitable testimonial, for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the past two years, beg to report that the pleasing duty was performed at the regular meeting of Zetland Lodge No. 326, Toronto, on Friday, the 26th day of November, 1915, before a very large concourse of members of the lodge and distinguished visitors. The presentation was accompanied by expressions of the appreciation of Grand Lodge for services well performed during the past two years. M. W. Brother McPherson made a feeling and eloquent reply and expressed his delight in having the function take place in his mother lodge, and before so many members of the craft with whom he had a personal acquaintance.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

J. M. GIBSON,

BENJAMIN ALLEN.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on presentation of a testimonial to M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, P.G.M., be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the address of the W. M. the Grand Master begs leave to report.

That it has, with pleasure, duly considered the excellent address presented to Grand Lodge by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and this Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon another year having passed without disturbance of the harmony which should prevail among the craft; also that our relations with other Grand bodies continue to be of the most satisfactory character.

That having carefully considered the rulings and decisions given by the Grand Master and reported in his address, we concur therein, and recommend their approval by Grand Lodge.

We note with satisfaction the intention of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to complete the list, begun last year, of names of our brethren, and their sons, who have rallied to the colours, in the titanic struggle now proceeding in Europe and to some extent in Asia and Africa, for when the conflict is closed, and the history of how the soldiers of Britain and her allies have fought and died for victory and for the peace of the world, is compiled, there will be no body of men more deserving of a place on the Honour Roll than those comprising the battalions sent by Canada to battle for the motherland, and prominent among them all will be members of this ancient and honourable society, for, when the bugles of Britain sounded their clarion blast, over 23 months ago, all parts of the empire caught up the call and passed it on, till it echoed and re-echoed from London to Quebec, to Vancouver, to Natal, to Sydney and to Wellington.

The justice of the cause was instantaneously recognized in every quarter of the King's dominions, and nowhere more quickly than in Canada. The men of the British Empire came, as there was never a doubt they would. South Africa and New Zealand, Australia and Canada, responded as men of our breed must ever answer.

"For the lion had left a whelp,
Wherever his claw was set."

Today Canada stands before the world as a young and vigorous daughter in the Imperial family, and has sent, for

the cause of civilization and liberty, a larger army, a greater distance, than any in the world's history. They may well say:

"I have proven my faith in the heritage
By more than the word of the mouth."

Canadians have proved themselves not unworthy of their sires, in lands made historic by loyalty to King and martyrdom to cause.

We understand now, as never before, the real meaning of war, and have realized to their fullest extent the obligations of Canadian citizenship, in a war where the destinies of humanity are at stake. If, out of a population of 8,000,000, we reach the 500,000 mark, as we probably shall, it will be a record unparalleled in the annals of the world.

With heartfelt thankfulness we can truly say that this war has demonstrated, with outstanding clearness, that the world is just as ready as it ever was—and no part of it readier than the British Empire—to understand and to respond to moral issues. We believe in the sanctity of treaties; that the weak have rights and the strong have duties; and that freedom for its own sake is as well worth fighting for today as ever it was in all the past, and we are looking forward to a world in which these great and venerable, though plain and simple, truths, will be recognized and safe-guarded forever against recrudescence to the era of blood and iron.

The reference by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the death of our Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Kit-chener on 5th June, is, we feel, particularly grateful to the feelings of the brethren of Grand Lodge, and indeed to the craft throughout the entire jurisdiction. We can but humbly thank God for the gift our Empire had in him. He was a silent man of magnificent achievement, and it is remarkable that such a master faculty for silence should have stirred a mighty empire more completely than has ever been done by the most impassioned eloquence, and yet, it was but typical, for the true spirit of the nation is eminently a silent one.

The Commander-in-Chief is gone, but his work remains; and the stock from which he sprang is virile yet.

"Sleep on, thou mighty dead!
A glorious tomb's been found thee;
The bright blue skies above thee spread,
The boundless waters round thee.
No vulgar foot treads here,
No hand profane shall move thee;
The gallant fleets shall proudly steer
And warriors shout above thee."

The work of all our heroes, on land and on sea, is, to the men of today, an object lesson in devotion and duty.

and the recollection and recital of their imperishable deeds will inspire men yet unborn to go forth, if need be, to battle in the cause of righteousness and liberty, with the sword of freedom, handed down from generation to generation throughout all ages.

"In glory do they sleep,
And endless sanctity."

All of which is

Fraternally submitted,

WM. DAVID McPHERSON
A. T. FREED.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

PRESENTATION TO CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

R. W. Bro. Franklin Hanna, D.D.G.M., on behalf of the Hamilton District No. 8, presented to the Grand Master a cheque for \$1359.49, being a contribution from lodges in that district to the Canadian Red Cross Society, and requested that it be transmitted by him to the Society through the proper channel. The M. W. the Grand Master received the contribution with expressions of warm appreciation and handed the cheque to R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D.G.M., and President of the Hamilton branch of the Society, who in suitable terms requested R. W. Bro. Hanna to convey the heartfelt thanks of the Society to the contributors for their substantial generosity.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Lt.-Col. and Bro. Cecil G. Williams, Chief Recruiting Officer for Canada, was introduced by R. W. Bro. Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton and gave a short and forceful address on the needs of the Empire in carrying the present war in Europe to a successful issue, and on the opportunity afforded to all loyal brethren to render financial aid and to offer personal service to the best of their ability and power.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes; and the place of holding the next annual communication.

M.W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke, Ottawa, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Wardrobe, Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Line, London, Grand Senior Warden.

R.W. Bro. James G. Cane, Toronto, Grand Junior Warden.

R.W. Bro. Rev. Wm. H. Selgrove, Galt, Grand Chaplain.

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Treasurer.

R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. Jos. W. Hickson, Toronto, Grand Registrar.

Bro. Chas. J. Halley, Belleville, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

V.W. Bro. J. F. Reid, Windsor.

R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, London.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, Toronto.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.

R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The City of Belleville, Ontario, was chosen as the next meeting place for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.G.M., installed and invested the newly elected Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary grand honours.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years:

R.W. Bro. B. S. Sheldon, Berlin.

R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, Ottawa.

R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts, Stirling.

R.W. Bro. George H. Smith, Toronto.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased at a subsequent date to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

- V.W. Bro. Wm. C. Crozier, Kingston, Grand Senior Deacon.
- V.W. Bro. Wm. A. Rose, Fergus, Grand Junior Deacon.
- V.W. Bro. Harvey H. Dempsey, Stratford, Grand Supt. of Works.
- V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, Fort William, Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
- V.W. Bro. Alfred E. Raynes, Tillsonburg, Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
- V.W. Bro. Edward A. Mackenzie, Brockville, Asst. Grand Secretary.
- V.W. Bro. Wm. A. Robinson, Brantford, Grand Sword Bearer.
- V.W. Bro. Wm. J. A. Carnahan, Toronto, Grand Organist.
- V.W. Bro. Rev. Louis W. Diehl, Paisley, Asst. Grand Organist.
- V.W. Bro. Willard W. Fitzgerald, Wellington, Grand Pursuivant.

GRAND STEWARDS.

- V.W. Bro. Victor Williamson, Windsor.
- V.W. Bro. James B. Watson, Kincardine.
- V.W. Bro. Charles Jackson, Nilestown.
- V.W. Bro. Matthew R. Richardson, Flesherton.
- V.W. Bro. Wm. H. Biggar, Port Robinson.
- V.W. Bro. Frank G. Tremayne, Sutton.
- V.W. Bro. Thomas A. Lamon, Richmond Hill.
- V.W. Bro. John Conley, Renfrew.
- V.W. Bro. James B. Willis, North Bay.
- V.W. Bro. Geo. A. Ryan, Riceville.
- V.W. Bro. Jos. Whyte Rogers, Toronto.
- V.W. Bro. Charles Sievers, Ottawa.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

- V.W. Bro. Wm. J. Fenton, Brampton.
- V.W. Bro. Robert Anderson, Havelock.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of London for the excellent accommodation provided and kindly attentions shown to the members during this annual communication.


It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials and

the Scrutineers of the Ballot, for the valuable services rendered by them at this annual communication.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. Ms.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone would instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess. 

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at four o'clock p. m.



R. Gunning

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1916,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	Niagara	Niagara	Thos. W. Bishop	J. W. Brown
3	aAnct. St. John's	Kingston	C. S. Kirkpatrick	A. W. Cathcart
5	aSussex	Brockville	W. A. Remmer	Geo. K. Dewey
6	Barton	Hamilton	F. W. McBeth	W. H. F. Whateley
7	Union	Grimsby	David Allen	Jno. H. Foreman
9	aUnion	Napanee	G. S. Reid	W. J. Shannon
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	Isaac McNally	R. E. Guntton
11	aMoir	Belleville	Aubrey L. Lott	John Newton
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	Wellington Douglas	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	P. C. Miller	A. N. Lindsay
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	W. J. Bolus	J. D. Keachie
17	St. John's	Cobourg	J. H. Purdy	Robt. Buck
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou	E. A. Pearce	R. H. Hubbs
20	aSt. John's	London	Neil McGill	Rich Booth
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	Jas. Westgate	C. S. Otto
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	A. J. Prest	Donald Mackay
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	A. J. Helmky	H. A. Nicholls
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	A. L. McGregor	G. W. Fluker
25	aIonic	Toronto	W. B. Milliken	R. A. Robinson
26	aOntario	Port Hope	Fred. Thomas	N. S. Choate
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	Jas. A. Henderson	Wm. C. Morton
28	aMt. Zion	Kemptville	Geo. S. Conley	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	O. L. Morrow	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	E. M. Deverell	W. M. Jermy
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	Cus Bounsall	J. S. Moorecraft
32	aAmity	Dunnville	Geo. E. Parks	W. D. Patterson
33	aMaitland	Goderich	W. T. Millar	L. E. Doherty
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	H. S. Brush	S. E. M. Taylor
35	St. John's	Cayuga	John Warner	J. W. Sheppard
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	R. B. Hutt	Geo. Naylor
38	aTrent	Trenton	W. J. Potts	W. H. James
39	aMt. Zion	Brooklin	A. E. Grass	John J. Moore
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	F. H. Rutherford	Jas. F. Mercer
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	Allan R. Keele	Geo. S. Goodeve
42	aSt. George's	London	John A. Nash	A. Ellis
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	J. M. Stevens	R. L. Revell
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	J. W. O'Neil	F. W. Judd
45	Brant	Brantford	A. E. Day	Geo. Whitwell
46	aWellington	Chatham	W. H. Sexsmith	Benj. Rothwell
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Victor Williamson	John Fry
48	aMadoc	Madoc	A. H. Watson	W. E. Connor
50	aConsecon	Consecon	E. P. Cox	H. F. Lea
52	aDalhousie	Ottawa	A. R. Tilley	H. W. Jackson
54	aVaughan	Maple	Wm. O. McDonald	Wm. R. Rumble
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	J. H. Webster	G. R. Putnam
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	John R. Simpson	F. C. Watson
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	James Rose	E. J. Whitworth
58	aDoric	Ottawa	Wm. A. Oliver	A. G. Greenfield
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	A. H. Tallman	C. E. Kelly
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. J. Douglas	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	F. C. McDiarmid	A. H. Edwards
64	aKilwinning	London	Whitfield Lancaster	R. W. Glover
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	Fred. G. Lee	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	Durham	Newcastle	J. E. W. Philips	J. A. Butler, M.D.
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	H. R. Foster	L. H. Thompson
69	Stirling	Stirling	Roy O. Heath	G. W. Bailey
72	Alma	Galt	Jas. Ritchie	M. A. Secord
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	Rich. Goodhand	Thos. L. Sinclair
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	Hermon F. Corr	F. L. Bissell
75	St. John's	Toronto	A. A. Daniel	C. H. Beavis
76	aOxford	Woodstock	Preston B. Kerr	J. W. Dutton

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED

31st May, 1916, and Ledger Balances at That Date.

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
2	W. on or b.f.m.	8	7	7		1	3	5				108	24 June 1916
3	1st Thursday	28	24	19		4	2	2				271	
5	3rd Monday	9	10	10		1	4	6			1	296	
6	2nd Wednesday	9	6	6		1	3					470	
7	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	9	10	6		1	1					157	
9	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	9	9	3	1	2	4			1	164	
10	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	5	2	1	3	5				147	
11	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	13	11	11		3	3	5				295	
14	1st Monday	1	2	1		4	2	9				126	27 Dec. 1915
15	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	10	11	11	1	1	3					152	24 June 1916
16	2nd Tuesday	27	20	24	4	4	9				2	486	
17	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	16	11	12	8	3	2					169	
18	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	5		1	3					235	
20	2nd Tuesday	17	18	18	3	2	6				1	330	
21a	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	2								66	
22	2nd Thursday	13	13	16	3	2	10	9			1	373	
23	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	4								69	
24	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	6	6	1	2	3					175	
25	1st Tuesday	16	17	15	5	1	5					326	
26	3rd Friday	9	7	7		3		7				144	
27	3rd Friday	12	11	7	3	6	5					444	
28	Friday bef. F. M.	3	5	3	2	2	2	2				80	
29	Tue. on or brf. F. M.	13	11	11	3	1	4	2				132	
30	1st Friday	6	6	7	2		2					103	
31	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	11	9	6		2	1	5				148	
32	Wed. on or aft. F. M.	1	2	1	2							148	27 Dec. 1915
33	2nd Tuesday	11	9	8	3	1	7	2				192	24 June 1916
34	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	10	6	11		4	1	1				128	
35	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	3	3	5	2	1	1					92	
37	1st Friday	10	12	7	1	5	1	1				157	
38	Tuesday before F. M.	14	10	13	1	3	3					154	
39	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3		1						64	27 Dec. 1915
40	3rd Thursday	25	19	20	4	2	11	10				539	24 June 1916
41	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	9	15	21	1	3	3	1				174	
42	1st Thursday	8	5	5	1	1	1	3				192	
43	1st Tuesday	20	18	21	5	2	2	22				306	
44	1st Thursday	8	14	12	4	3	4	1			1	381	
45	2nd Tuesday	14	14	15	2	4	8	4			4	328	
46	1st Monday	19	15	11	8	3	9					276	
47	1st Thursday	50	56	56	6	3	8	13				648	
48	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2			1			1		129	
50	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	7			1	2				70	
52	1st Tuesday	10	10	9		6	4	8			2	344	
54	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2								48	
55	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	6	2	1	2					118	
56	1st Tuesday	17	19	22		2	1					263	
57	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	13	10	5	6							135	
58	1st Friday	12	11	8	7	1	4	1				237	
61	2nd Friday	17	15	15	1	1	5	12			2	511	
62	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	1		2	3	2				90	
63	2nd Friday	7	2	4	2	2	2	2			1	202	
64	3rd Friday	10	10	14	3	2	6				3	263	
65	1st Thursday	10	13	18	1	5	8	6			1	492	
66	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	4		2	1					62	
68	3rd Friday	5	1				1				1	107	27 Dec. 1915
69	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	9	14	13		1	1	5				111	24 June 1916
72	Last Tuesday	6	3	2	5	4	1	4				191	
73	1st Monday	6	7	9	1	2						128	
74	Monday nearest F. M.	4	4	3		1	2	1				81	
75	1st Monday	11	11	11		5	5				1	316	
76	2nd Monday	12	12	10	4	1	1	9			2	249	

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	Philip Morgan.....	R. G. Corneil.....
78	a Maple Leaf	Tillsonburg.....	R. J. Brookfield.....	Hy. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	James Coombs.....	Frank Kilkenny.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges.....	John R. Waters.....	Wm. Young.....
82	aSt. John's.....	Paris.....	M. C. Hawley.....	John Newton.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	D. J. Donaldson.....	R. F. Richardson.....
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	J. W. Treleven.....	H. B. Chant.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	W. J. Hamblin.....	A. W. Parish.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Black.....	John B. Mill.....
87	aMarkham Union.....	Markham.....	O. M. Pease.....	J. Gilchrist.....
88	aSt. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	K. C. McKay.....	John M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	Geo. Hunter.....	W. T. Herrington.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	W. J. Cochrane.....	G. M. Peebles.....
92	aCataraqui.....	Kingston.....	T. G. Bishop.....	Robt. Hendry.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine.....	R. W. Clements.....	M. J. MacPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	Geo. Williams.....	Wm. Jackson.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	Wm. A. Lewis.....	Alfred Wilkes.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	Samuel Miller.....	Jas. M. Milne.....
98	aTrue Blue.....	Bolton.....	Geo. Lockwood.....	Robt. Smith.....
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket.....	Theo. Bolton.....	W. L. Bosworth.....
100	aValley.....	Dundas.....	Thos. Fitzgerald.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	J. F. Allin.....	F. H. Dawson.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	A. M. Stobie.....	H. J. Johnston.....
104	aSt. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. R. Murdel.....	G. W. Poldon.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	Fred. Treford.....	C. J. Didemus.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	E. A. Burgis.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	aSt. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	John Shore.....	H. Poole.....
108	aBlenheim.....	Princeton.....	W. P. Blackmore.....	T. J. Rawlinson.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	B. H. Campbell.....	J. T. McKim.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	Edward McNally.....	A. T. Adams.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	C. J. Cunningham.....	D. A. Hill.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	J. T. George.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	H. F. Vidal.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Thedford.....	Asa Rufford.....	H. S. Clerke.....
118	aUnion.....	Schomberg.....	A. F. Kay.....	R. W. Stewart.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	H. T. Laidley.....	E. P. Shephard.....
120	aWarren.....	Fingal.....	D. G. Scott.....	Emerson Cascadden.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	Cecil D. Chapin.....	Jas. C. Spence.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	R. F. Fraser.....	Hugh Macdonald.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	R. A. Backis.....	D. Barragar.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	John Hunter.....	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	Wesley Stephens.....	F. C. Bonnycastle.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	J. B. Lowery.....	S. Howell.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	W. F. Garrow.....	D. W. Blakely.....
129	aRising Sun.....	Aurora.....	Wyatt Baldwin.....	Fred. Baldwin.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	John Macaulay.....	F. Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	Jno. E. McGillicuddy.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	James Houston.....	J. W. Crozier.....
136	aRichardson.....	Stouffville.....	Oscar Baker.....	E. S. Barker.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	Wm. H. Brown.....	F. H. Finley.....
139	aLebanon.....	Oshawa.....	W. E. Clark.....	H. A. Saunders.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	J. H. Dalton.....	J. R. Woods.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	S. A. Hewitt.....	A. J. Blows.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	A. H. Casselman.....	B. A. Herring.....
143	aFriendly Bros.....	Iroquois.....	Edward Strader.....	S. W. Wood.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Thos. J. Kyle.....	F. S. Smith.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	Geo. S. Carveth.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....
145	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	W. W. Adams.....	Thos. J. Winter.....
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	E. W. Oliver.....	W. S. Boyd.....
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	A. W. Grant.....	Robt. Telford.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover.....	J. C. King.....	F. C. Henderson.....
151	aGrand River.....	Berlin.....	J. E. Bilger.....	J. F. Carmichael.....
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Hugh Hunter.....	A. D. Fisher.....
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	Walter L. Gibson.....	C. J. Murdy.....
155	aPeterborough.....	Peterborough.....	J. M. Roszell.....	W. H. Walkey.....
156	aYork.....	Toronto.....	Walter E. Hopkings.....	Henry C. Cooper.....
157	aSimpson.....	Newboro.....	Jas. W. Simmons.....	R. D. McComb.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
77	1st Friday	17	9	10	2	1	4				1	270	24 June 1916
78	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	8	5	1	1	2	3			1	185	" "
79	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	6	6		3	2				2	79	" "
81	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	6	5			2	5			1	86	" "
82	2nd Tuesday	5	7	4	1	1	1	1				116	" "
83	Friday on or bef. F. M.	1		1	1	4	1					132	27 Dec. 1915
84	Friday on or aft. F. M.	5	4	3	1	1	2				1	81	24 June 1916
85	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	4	2	5	3					82	" "
86	3rd Tuesday	12	10	11	3	1	5	5			2	389	" "
87	Friday on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		1	3					111	" "
88	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	13	13			3					201	" "
90	2nd Tuesday											216	24 June 1911
91	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	12	9	10		3	3					103	24 June 1916
92	2nd Friday	23	18	14	1	1	3	10				293	" "
93	1st Wednesday	1	2	1	2	2	2					121	" "
94	2nd Tuesday	3	3	4			1				2	82	" "
96	1st Thursday	12	7	4	4	3	3	5				218	" "
97	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3	1	1					1	82	" "
98	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	2	1		2		1	4				63	" "
99	2nd Wednesday	3	2			1						71	" "
100	2nd Monday	12	12	9	4	1	3	1			1	205	" "
101	3rd Friday	6	8	6	2	2	2				1	180	" "
103	Last Thursday	18	19	18	3	1	1	3			1	251	" "
104	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	6	1	1	1	1				112	" "
105	2nd Tuesday	7	5	5	2		2	8	2		1	168	" "
106	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	1			2						89	" "
107	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1			1	3				75	" "
108	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	6	8	8	1		1					65	" "
109	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	1			1					100	" "
110	1st Tuesday	4	5	5	1	1	3	6			2	137	" "
113	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	9	5		3	1					155	" "
114	1st Friday	10	8	6	2	1						181	" "
115	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	6	1	1	2					140	" "
116	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	1	1	2	2					43	" "
118	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	6					1			67	" "
119	Monday before F. M.	3	3	2		1		5				66	" "
120	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1								48	" "
121	3rd Friday	12	9	7	7	6	8	18			1	493	" "
122	1st Monday	5	4	1		3	3	5				122	" "
123	1st Thursday	7	8	5		1	5					268	" "
125	1st Wednesday	5	5	6	2	1	2	2				136	" "
126	1st Tuesday	8	8	10	1	1						117	" "
127	Monday before F. M.	1	2	4	1	1	2	1			2	121	" "
128	1st Thursday	11	7	8	1	4	1				1	185	" "
129	1st Friday	4	4	3	1		3					98	" "
131	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	7	8	5		3	1	3				83	" "
133	Mon. bef. F. M.	1	3	3		3		1				107	" "
135	Thur. on or bef. F. M.		4	2	1							128	27 Dec. 1915
136	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	4	2	2	1	3						59	24 June 1916
137	Fri. nearest F. M.	7	5	4	1	2	2					123	" "
139	2nd Tuesday	4	3	7	2							155	" "
140	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	1	2	1	2	3				130	" "
141	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	11	13	9		1	1	1				75	" "
142	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2		2	1					70	" "
143	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3	3	1	1	3				104	" "
144	3rd Friday	12	9	10	5	3	1	7			1	269	" "
145	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	3	2							70	" "
146	Wed. bef. F. M.	2	4	3			1					83	" "
147	1st Friday	4	1	1								105	" "
148	2nd Tuesday	14	17	20	5	2						253	" "
149	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	4								96	" "
151	2nd Tuesday	6	9	11		3	5					213	" "
153	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2		6		5			1	109	" "
154	Thur. on or bef. F. M.					2	2					89	" "
155	1st Friday	12	11	12	1	3	4				1	275	" "
156	3rd Friday	14	14	13	2	3	3	10			2	237	" "
157	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1	1	2	1	2				72	" "

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	E. H. Zavitz	John W. Sauvey
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	S. B. Gordon	S. W. Bradley
161	aPercy	Warkworth	Geo. Carlaw	A. M. Smale
162	aForest	Wroxeter	Wm. Hayes	Gavin Davidson
164	aStar in the East	Wellington	Morris Huff	L. G. Dorland
165	aBurlington	Burlington	S. M. Sinclair	Jas. S. Allen
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	Bath Piott	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	W. H. Brittain	H. E. Dawdy
169	aMacnab	Port Colborne	S. R. Preston	D. Burt
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	H. H. Ross	L. C. Jackson
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	J. D. Galbraith	Otto Ross
172	aAyr	Ayr	Chas. E. Merilees	A. Falconer
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	C. S. Buck	J. E. Biddle
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. A. Kendall	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	J. B. English	W. R. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph	Thos. E. Cotton	W. G. Stephenson
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Chas. Sampson	W. C. Loucks
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Fred. T. Armstrong	W. A. Wilson
185	aEnniskillen	York	Fred. Renshaw	A. Renshaw
186	aPlantagenet	Riceville	Rev. H. H. Hillis	G. A. Ryan
190	aBelmont	Belmont	John A. Moore	John F. Turner
192	aOrillia	Orillia	A. H. Waite	G. A. Cole
193	aScotland	Scotland	H. M. McMullen	J. A. Messecar
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	R. W. Parker	Thos. Bicknell
195	aTuscan	London	Rev. C. C. Waller	J. E. Magee
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	Jas. McPherson	Henry Newham
197	aSaugen	Walkerton	Peter Bremner	R. H. McKay
200	aSt. Alban's	Mt. Forest	Robt. Galbraith	John E. Robertson
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Thos. Adair	A. B. Munroe
203	aIrvine	Elora	Chas. A. Burt	Thos. Godfrey
205	aNew Dominion	New Hamburg	Robt. Puddicombe	W. H. Girvin
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	G. A. Watson	W. N. McGillis
209	aEvergreen	Lanark	Andrew Doyle	C. M. Forbes
209a	aSt. Johns	London	Albert J. Smith	J. E. Keenleyside
215	aLake	Ameliasburg	Roy Parliament	Jas. E. Glenn
216	aHarris	Orangeville	Geo. H. McLean	A. E. Annis
217	aFrederick	Delhi	Arthur Gerhard	T. E. Morgan
218	aStevenson	Toronto	R. W. Hamilton	H. C. H. Corneli
219	aCredit	Georgetown	G. C. Lawrence	Geo. Ford
220	aZeredatha	Uxbridge	H. P. Cooke	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. J. Mable	H. C. Mawdesley
222	aMarmora	Marmora	H. W. Sabines	W. C. Inkster
223	aNorwood	Norwood	K. G. Thompson	W. J. Trenouth
224	aZurich	Hensall	A. W. E. Hemphill	Jas. W. Bonthron
225	aBernard	Listowel	E. T. Greensides	J. H. Blackmore
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	Wm. Forsyth	Robt. Bennett
229	aIonic	Brampton	L. R. Halnan	J. G. Roberts
230	aKerr	Barrie	T. D. Redfern	W. N. Duff
231	aLodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Robt. Shaw	C. B. Patten
232	aCameron	Dutton	D. J. Galbraith	A. A. Morrison
233	aDoric	Parkhill	Crawford McPherson	Dr. Geo. A. Fraser
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	A. H. Smith	Wm. Reekie
235	aAldworth	Paisley	John A. Logie	D. Forrester
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	J. J. D. Banting	W. G. Mackay
237	aVienna	Vienna	S. S. Clutten	Benj. Brian
238	aHavelock	Watford	Geo. N. Howden	W. L. Millar
239	aTweed	Tweed	F. E. Brown	W. E. Garrett
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	S. M. Mallory	F. H. Mallory
243	aSt. George	St. George	S. J. Patten	A. F. Kitchen
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	Wm. S. Montgomery	Robt. Pye
247	aAshlar	Toronto	Henry B. Wood	W. H. Best
249	aCaledonian	Midland	Robt. Rodger	W. H. Thornton
250	aThistle	Embro	Wilson Montgomery	Columbus Ross
253	aMinden	Kingston	W. M. Campbell	T. D. Minnes
254	aClifton	Niagara Falls	Wm. S. Byers	Samuel Warren
255	aSydenham	Dresden	M. S. Blackburn	W. T. Jeffs

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158	Thur. aft. F. M.	4	4	5		1	1	7				78	24 June 1916
159	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	6		2		4			1	71	"
161	Wed. bef. F. M.	3	2	2		3	1	11				83	"
162	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	3		2		7				44	"
164	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	6	1	2	4	5				129	"
165	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	6	4		2		4			1	154	"
166	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	11	11	10		1						159	"
168	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	14	9	9		3	1					154	"
169	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	7	5	1	1						104	"
170	1st Monday	12	13	13		1	2					131	"
171	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	3								49	"
172	2nd Monday	1	1	1	1	1	2					52	"
174	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	2	1	2	1					86	"
177	2nd Friday	16	13	14	4	1	2	6			1	302	"
178	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	1	2	1							52	"
180	1st Tuesday	17	13	11	5	4	4					174	"
181	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	4	2			3				47	"
184	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	2	2	2					1	105	"
185	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	6	6			1					35	"
186	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3	2	1		2				63	"
190	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	4			5	1					80	"
192	1st Friday	16	17	17	9	1	1	5			1	280	"
193	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	6		3		5			3	88	"
194	2nd Wednesday	6	10	8	2		1				2	157	"
195	1st Monday	4	3	4	3	2	3	1				139	"
196	2nd Monday	9	8	6		4	1	1			2	111	"
197	2nd Tuesday	11	7	8		2						84	"
200	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1		1	1					85	27 Dec. 1915
201	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	4	5			2					202	24 June 1916
203	3rd Friday	1	1	1	2							95	"
205	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1								40	"
207	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	1	1	3						125	"
209	1st Tuesday	4	3	2	1							48	27 Dec. 1915
209a	1st Friday	20	21	18	4	2	3	1				446	24 June 1916
215	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		1	2					64	"
216	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	10	7	1	3	3					167	"
217	Mon. on or before F. M.	2	2	4			1				1	66	"
218	2nd Monday	10	9	8		2		2				285	"
219	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	5	1	3	1	1			1	107	"
220	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	1			2	2					91	"
221	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	7		2						171	"
222	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5								90	"
223	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2	1	1	1	3			2	100	"
224	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	4			3	4	4				75	"
225	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	4	3	2	1	4				112	"
228	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	4	3	1	1		1	1			1	76	"
229	3rd Tuesday	6	3	3	1	1						149	"
230	3rd Friday	10	11	11	2	1	3	7			1	183	"
231	3rd Tuesday	7	10	10	3	3	3	3			1	283	"
232	Wed. on or bef. F. M.											93	24 June 1916
233	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	1	2		3	1					61	27 Dec. 1915
234	Tue. on or bef. F. M.						2					84	"
235	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	7	7		1						84	"
236	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	1	4	7	2	1						82	"
237	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	5	1		2					73	"
238	Tues. bef. F. M.	9	7	5		1						80	"
239	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	3	1		2	3			1	127	"
242	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	5	5		1	1					100	"
243	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	4		2	1				1	81	"
245	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	6	1		1					84	"
247	4th Tuesday	9	9	9	1	5	8					414	"
249	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	2	6		3	3	7			9	207	"
250	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	11	10	11	2			4			1	66	"
253	1st Tuesday	25	23	21	5		4				1	186	"
254	1st Thursday	17	18	12	1	2	4	1			1	267	"
255	2nd Thursday	7	6	3			1	1				83	"

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1916,

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville.	Chas. B. Rombough.	R. H. Hanes.
257	aGalt	Galt.	C. E. Raup.	Robt. Clark.
258	aGuelph	Guelph.	Chas. Penfold.	Jas. Ryder.
259	aSpringfield	Springfield.	T. M. Moore	M. M. Black.
260	aWashington	Petrolia	Hugh McNaughton.	L. Collier.
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip.	Norman Gould.	R. Q. Irving.
262	aHarriston	Harriston	F. G. Blacker.	E. W. Lambert.
263	aForest	Forest	J. J. Proutt.	P. W. Campbell.
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa.	J. A. Reid	Thos. Saunders.
265	aPatterson	Thornhill.	W. C. Gohn.	J. A. Thompson.
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner.	J. A. Campbell	J. W. Bethune.
267	aParthenon	Chatham.	D. W. McDonald	J. G. Martin.
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon.	T. J. Ingram	K. L. Wilson.
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont.	D. M. Morgan	Thos. Gregg.
270	aCedar	Oshawa.	Thos. Hawkes	M. L. Argall.
271	aWellington	Erin.	Wm. Robertson	J. M. Abbott.
272	aSeymour	Ancaster	W. S. Misner	John Pickard.
274	aKent	Blenheim.	W. J. Campbell.	John Crookshank
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater.	Jas. B. Chalmers	M. H. Gillies.
277	aSeymour	Port Dalhousie.	Jos. C. Johnston.	T. O. Johnston.
279	aNew Hope	Hespeler.	Asa W. Day	Edgar Garland.
282	aLorne	Glencoe.	Wm. W. Hurley.	C. B. McLean.
283	aEureka	Belleville.	H. W. Ackerman.	W. J. Diamond.
284	aSt. John's	Brussels.	A. H. McDonald.	J. Wright.
285	aSeven Star	Alliston.	Wm. Caesar.	Jas. A. Wright.
286	aWingham	Wingham.	W. H. Gurney.	J. A. Morton.
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur.	A. V. Bliss.	Geo. G. Milne.
289	aDoric	Lobo.	M. G. Barclay.	P. L. Graham.
290	aLeamington	Leamington.	R. A. Logan.	L. J. Wright.
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro	Geo. Weatherston	Alfred Jones.
292	aRobertson	King.	Herbert Jack.	Arch. McCallum.
294	aMoore	Courtright.	Jas. E. Nesbitt.	Wm. Brown.
295	aConestogo	Drayton.	Geo. F. Clark	Calvert Scarr.
296	aTemple	St. Catharines.	John Madill.	C. A. Brown.
297	aPreston	Preston.	H. L. Clare.	D. M. Johnston.
299	aVictoria	Centerville.	H. A. Carscallen.	A. M. Bell.
300	aMt. Olivet	Thorndale.	H. B. Mossip.	W. G. Lee.
302	aSt. David's	St. Thomas.	Andrew A. Ingram.	H. E. Stevenson.
303	aBlyth	Blyth.	J. A. McTaggart.	J. M. Hamilton.
304	aMinerva	Stroud.	Wm. Latimer.	Jas. Black.
305	aHumber	Weston.	W. J. Gar'house.	S. J. Totten.
306	aDurham	Durham.	B. H. Willis.	John Morrison.
307	aArkona	Arkona.	Fred. C. Eastm n.	A. M. Thoman.
309	aMorning Star	Carlow.	Geo. F. Yungblut.	Bert C. Weir.
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge.	Hy. W. Ellis.	H. N. Smith.
312	aPhyx	Wallaceburg.	E. E. Cousins.	D. F. Johnson.
313	aClementi.	Lakefield.	B. Marling.	A. E. Kennedy.
314	aBlair	Palmerston.	Walter White.	H. B. Coleman.
315	aClifford	Clifford.	Henry Stroh.	Wm. Graef.
316	aDoric	Toronto.	Harry E. Reid.	H. J. Ragen.
318	aWilmot	Baden.	Jas. R. Livingston.	Walter Waugh.
319	aHiram	Hagersville.	W. C. VanLoon.	Maurice Winger.
320	aChesterville	Chesterville.	Thos. Houlehan.	Geo. Elliott.
321	aWalker	Acton.	Thos. H. Cook.	R. M. McDonald.
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound.	E. J. Creeper.	A. A. Parks.
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston.	H. C. Pray.	Jas. Holme.
324	aTemple	Hamilton.	R. H. Foster.	Hanlon Robinson.
325	aOrono	Orono.	Samuel Cuttall.	Wm. Armstrong.
326	aZetland	Toronto.	Fred. Woodland.	J. H. Macabe.
327	aHammond	Wardsville.	Wm. Connelly.	H. A. Wilson.
328	aIonic	Napier.	C. W. Sawers.	W. L. Toohill.
329	aKing Solomon	Jarvis.	Chas. G. Ivey.	Jas. Noble.
330	aCorinthian	London.	Jas. A. Elgie.	H. C. Simpson.
331	aFordwich	Fordwich.	Chas. Harris.	A. C. Hutchison.
332	aStratford	Stratford.	E. A. Robertson.	J. A. Rodgers.
333	aPrince Arthur	Flesherton.	Thos. Henry.	F. H. W. Hickling.
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur.	Peter Grieg.	E. W. Brocklebank.

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256	Wed on or bef. F. M.	8	6	6		1	1	3				98	24 June 1916
257	1st Tuesday	6	6	5	1		1	4			2	211	"
258	2nd Tuesday	33	26	28	1						1	166	"
259	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	2	1		3					94	"
260	1st Wednesday	4	4	5	2	2	1					145	"
261	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	1			2						3	27 Dec. 1915
262	2nd Monday	5	4	5								101	24 June 1916
263	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	9	6	4		4	4					97	"
264	4th Tuesday	6	5	7	2	3	1					265	"
265	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	6	1						1	82	"
266	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	3		4		1			2	41	"
267	1st Wednesday	23	20	18		4	3					294	"
268	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	2	1	1					1	63	"
269	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	3	2		1					76	"
270	4th Tuesday	4	3	3	2							135	"
271	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	4		3	1	8				57	"
272	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	13	4	4	2							145	"
274	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	8	6		3	1	4			1	123	"
276	4th Thursday	2	1	1			1					75	"
277	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1			2					75	"
279	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	10	8		1	2					108	"
282	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	6	2	1	1	4			1	93	"
283	Wed. aft. F. M.	9	10	9	1	1	2					157	"
284	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3		2						92	"
285	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	9	6	1	1		3				86	"
286	1st Tuesday	7	7	7		2	2					110	"
287	1st Tuesday	13	7	9	7	6	2	9				320	"
289	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	5	4	1						1	76	"
290	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	21	16	8	4	1	1	3				172	"
291	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	8			1	7				105	"
292	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	6	1							38	"
294	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	1	1							70	27 Dec. 1915
295	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	7	6	6		3						85	24 June 1916
296	Last Wednesday	15	11	10	2	2					1	154	"
297	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	6		1	1					91	"
299	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	5	5								60	"
300	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	1	1	2							67	"
302	3rd Thursday	20	21	23	3	3	4	2				331	"
303	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	4	4	4	1		1	2				86	"
304	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	11	10	1	1	1	6			1	91	"
305	4th Friday	1	1			2	2	1				109	27 Dec. 1915
306	2nd Tuesday	1	3	3	1	1						67	24 June 1916
307	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	1		1						54	"
309	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2		1	1					55	"
311	Fri. on												

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
336	aHighgate	Highgate	Jas. A. Taylor	Solomon Gosnell
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	Thos. A. Reaveley	Wm. Grisdale
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	J. E. Simpson	W. J. Steward
339	aOrient	Toronto	A. S. Weiss	H. W. Pearson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	John A. McKinnon	D. A. McLaren
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	J. W. Houston	Geo. Thompson
344	aMerrill	Dorchester	J. A. Morris	J. W. Young
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Russell Lee	Chas. Jackson
346	aOccident	Toronto	Thos. J. Bennett	C. C. Wightman
347	aMercer	Fergus	Alex. W. Muir	P. Perry
348	aGeorgian	Penetanguishene	John H. McGuire	R. D. Keefe
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	J. L. Moore	J. H. Knifton
354	aBrock	Cannington	G. B. Henderson	Jos. A. Kift
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	W. C. Hubell	J. W. Clarke
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove	Walter M. Lyons	P. D. Shorey
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	L. Stilson	Alex. Colvin
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	Frank E. Butler	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	Peter P. Campbell	F. P. Warne
361	aWaverley	Guelph	Jas. D. McArthur	Jos. A. Hewitt
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	R. J. Shannon	A. H. Monkman
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. C. Stephens	E. G. McKenzie
367	aSt. George	Toronto	W. A. Shone	R. C. Gallaher
368	aSalem	Brockville	Jas. F. McGuire	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills	Robt. R. Marshall	W. A. Beccroft
370	aHarmony	Delta	Hilliard Howard	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	W. B. Snow	E. G. Shane
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Wm. C. Gart	John A. North
373	aCopestone	Welland	F. E. Watt	Thos. Main
374	aKeene	Keene	R. A. Nelson	A. D. Anderson
375	aLorne	Omeme	A. Laidley	J. H. Cottingham
376	aUnity	Huntsville	E. H. Flaxman	Oscar Weiler
377	aLorne	Shelburne	Edgar Patterson	Jno. R. Berwick
378	aKing Solomon's	London	F. N. Ware	Wm. Nicholls
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	Jas. A. McFalls	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	D. J. Patterson	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	H. A. Robertson	C. V. Emory
383	aHenderson	Winchester	J. D. Stewart	B. F. Smith
384	aAlpha	Toronto	R. S. Muir	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	B. C. Hengan	W. T. Stewart
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	W. H. Bole	C. W. Grandy
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	John H. Donevan	W. G. Mitchell
388	aHenderson	Illderton	C. F. Lecky	J. R. Robson
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	R. R. Ralph	J. B. Love
390	aFlorence	Florence	Jas. McIntyre	Jas. Beatty
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	R. W. Clark	J. A. Crawford
392	aHuron	Camlachie	Robt. W. Brown	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	D. J. McLauchlin	Wm. Benedict
394	aKing Solomon's	Thamesford	W. W. McLeod	W. W. Day
395	aParvaim	Comber	H. N. Collier	J. W. Brown
396	aCedar	Warton	S. J. Cameron	S. E. Foster
397	aLeopold	Bridgen	John Poland	Duncan Warren
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	Frank McGirr	R. A. E. Oliphant
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	Duncan McVicar	B. R. Barr
400	aOakville	Oakville	Leroy Sargent	J. A. W. Robinson
401	aCraig	Deseronto	S. A. Putnam	Robt. Large
402	aCentral	Essex	S. B. Green	I. Middleton
403	aWindsor	Windsor	F. H. Daniel	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	Wm. B. Richardson	John A. Brown
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	J. E. Fraser	J. A. Floyd
406	aSpry	Fenelon Falls	R. N. Mitchell	H. J. Townley
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Frank Rilance	W. C. Latimer
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	M. A. Kohn	J. C. Davidson
410	aZeta	Toronto	Jos. Pease	E. A. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	J. O. Shaw	J. B. Stinson
412	aKeystone	Sault Ste. Marie	W. J. Elgie	E. I. Scott
413	aNaphtali	Tilbury	W. W. Jackson	W. A. Johnson
414	aPequonga	Kenora	J. R. Dawd	L. D. McCallum

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336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		1						67	27 Dec. 1915
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3	1		1	5			1	54	24 June 1916
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		2		2				80	"
339	1st Tuesday	8	5	3	1	2	10				3	375	"
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	3	4		1					1	75	27 Dec. 1915
343	1st Saturday	11	12	9		4	3	6				405	24 June 1916
344	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	6	9	7	4	1		4			1	58	"
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	10	7	5		3		1				73	"
346	3rd Wednesday	15	15	19	2	1	4	12				410	"
347	1st Friday	5	4	2	3							93	"
348	1st Thursday	3	5	5	1	2					2	99	"
352	3rd Wednesday	13	12	12	1		2	5				176	"
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	1	1	1					1	70	"
356	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1	1		1					82	27 Dec. 1915
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	10	9	1	4						127	24 June 1916
358	Fri. on or bef. F. M.					1	3	1				61	"
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	1	1	2	1					56	"
360	1st Tuesday	4	3	2		1	2				1	86	"
361	4th Monday	4	3	5		3	3	2				238	27 Dec. 1915
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	6	1	1					1	62	24 June 1916
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	1		1					2	51	"
367	1st Friday	9	9	9		6	7	11				394	"
368	2nd Monday	6	6	5		1	2	3			1	206	"
369	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	6	5	1	3	4	4				131	"
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	3		2	1	4				68	"
371	4th Friday	8	7	10		1	2	1			1	197	"
372	1st Tuesday	5	6	5	1		2					114	"
373	1st Thursday	14	11	12								148	"
374	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	1									39	27 Dec. 1915
375	1st Thursday	5	5	6								70	24 June 1916
376	2nd Wednesday	8	4	4	1							126	"
377	1st Friday	7	3	3			2					86	"
378	2nd Thursday	14	11	9		2					1	257	"
379	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2								46	27 Dec. 1915
380	2nd Monday	11	11	12	2	4	3	4			1	304	24 June 1916
382	3rd Monday	15	11	12	7	8	6	5			2	408	"
383	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	1	2						93	"
384	1st Thursday	18	16	18	2	6	9	2			1	505	"
385	Mon. on or bef. F. M.		3	3		2	2	2				71	"
386	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	3	1							107	"
387	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1	1	1	1				1	57	"
388	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	6	7		1					1	56	"
389	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3			1							53	27 Dec. 1915
390	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	2		1					1	52	"
391	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	13	13	8	3	6	2				1	124	24 June 1916
392	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	2		3						67	"
393	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	6	1							67	"
394	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	3	4	1	1	3					85	"
395	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	8	6			1	1				64	"
396	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	5	1		3	3			1	37	"
397	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	5	2							67	"
398	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2				1				1	43	"
399	Wed. bef. F. M.	5	6	5			1					53	"
400	1st Tuesday	11	11	12	4	1	2	2				167	"
401	1st Tuesday	12	11	7	1	5	3	2				110	"
402	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	8	5	8	1	2	2					97	"
403	1st Friday	32	30	28	1	3	7	8			2	403	"
404	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	1								73	"
405	1st Tuesday	4	4	3		4	5					114	"
406	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1		5	1	1				74	"
408	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	7	7	1							68	"
409	2nd Monday	3	4	4		2	4	2			2	90	"
410	4th Friday	6	7	8	2		4	5			3	349	"
411	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		1	1					45	"
412	1st Tuesday	18	19	28	9	4	4	6			1	387	"
413	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	10	9		2		5				87	"
414	1st Wednesday	8	6	6	1		2				5	192	"

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1916.

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
415	aFort William.....	Fort William.....	T. J. Stenhouse.....	C. E. Coombes.....
416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	F. H. Bolte.....	J. C. McCrady.....
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewatin.....	A. G. Schooley.....	A. J. Holmes.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	Angus Christie.....	H. Tracey.....
419	aBismark.....	Sarnia.....	P. H. Combe.....	W. J. Alcock.....
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	H. G. Thorpe.....	Jas. Duncan.....
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley.....	W. A. Wansborough.....	W. L. Craig.....
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	John H. Johnston.....	J. J. Vincent.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge.....	R. A. McComb.....	Arthur Church.....
424	aDoric.....	Pickering.....	F. L. Bateman.....	A. F. Percy.....
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	F. R. Stover.....	J. W. Burnham.....
426	aStanley.....	Toronto.....	Geo. M. Jones.....	Wm. Harris.....
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	Wm. McDonald.....	Jos. Fowler.....
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	W. H. Lelsher.....	J. W. Crozier.....
429	aPort Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	Jas. B. Cotterill.....	J. W. Dougherty.....
430	aAcacia.....	Toronto.....	R. H. Reynolds.....	W. H. Reaman.....
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	Robt. Fowlie.....	Wm. J. Loughleen.....
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	B. Scarboro'.....	Geo. A. Rozel.....
433	aBonnehchere.....	Eganville.....	Henry Weber.....	R. G. Boland.....
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	W. G. Gerhart.....	Jas. H. Metcalfe.....
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	Robt. A. Buchanan.....	Harrison Wing.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	V. W. Jones.....	W. P. Brooks.....
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	A. G. Wheeler.....	W. J. Barrie.....
438	aHarmony.....	Toronto.....	F. R. Beatty.....	W. T. Martin.....
439	aAlexandria.....	Alexandria.....	H. L. Cheney.....	Rev. Donald Stewart.....
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	Robt. T. Hughes.....	C. S. Brownlee.....
441	aWestport.....	Westport.....	W. D. Bresel.....	W. M. Ewart.....
442	aDymont.....	Thessalon.....	J. A. Town.....	W. A. Bridge.....
443	aPowassan.....	Powassan.....	Robt. Ferguson.....	D. C. Bingham.....
444	aNitetic.....	Creemore.....	J. L. Marshall.....	W. A. Sawtell.....
445	aLake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	D. G. Roy.....	F. V. Witts.....
446	aGranite.....	Port Frances.....	J. W. Walker.....	F. H. Warner.....
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	S. C. Boland.....	W. C. Parliament.....
448	aXenophon.....	Wheatley.....	R. W. Leader.....	M. H. Chamberlain.....
449	aDundalk.....	Dundalk.....	Alex. MacMurchy.....	A. E. Colgan.....
450	aHawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	E. B. Slack.....	A. G. McIntosh.....
451	aSomerville.....	Kinnmount.....	Wm. McClung.....	C. W. Wellstood.....
452	aAvonmore.....	Avonmore.....	Arthur McKeracher.....	S. Shaver.....
453	Royal.....	Port William.....	C. E. Watkins.....	F. C. Perry.....
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	A. J. Collins.....	J. W. Harris.....
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	C. M. Henning.....	J. B. Wallace.....
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	F. W. Armstrong.....	A. Chalmers.....
457	aCentury.....	Merlin.....	Milton W. Shaw.....	John Wands.....
458	aWales.....	Wales.....	Oscar Eaman.....	Geo. D. Colquhoun.....
459	aCobden.....	Cobden.....	Frank R. Taylor.....	Walter Stitt.....
460	aRideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	B. H. Brown.....	C. C. Gilbert.....
461	aIonic.....	Rainy River.....	Dugald McBane.....	D. K. McGregor.....
462	Temiscaming.....	New Liskeard.....	W. R. Curry.....	E. Monaghan.....
463	aNorth Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	J. H. Brown.....	H. H. Clark.....
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	A. W. St. John.....	R. A. Purvis.....
465	aCarleton.....	Carp.....	Oscar M. Groves.....	Geo. A. Moore.....
466	aCoronation.....	Elmvale.....	Chas. Fraser.....	W. D. Cotton.....
467	aTottenham.....	Tottenham.....	C. L. M. McCabe.....	F. W. Abbott.....
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	H. A. Spratt.....	J. W. Phillips.....
469	aAlgom.....	Sault Ste Marie.....	W. L. Hogarth.....	H. F. Goodfellow.....
470	aVictoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	Albert E. Jones.....	T. B. Underdown.....
471	aKing Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	W. J. Montgomery.....	G. J. Moyer.....
472	aGore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	W. F. McRae.....	C. C. Platt.....
473	aThe Beaches.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Brandham.....	S. J. Manchester.....
474	aVictoria.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Wadsworth.....	G. H. Cooper.....
475	aDundurn.....	Hamilton.....	R. W. Small.....	G. H. Lanigan.....
476	aCorinthian.....	North Gower.....	A. J. Craig.....	J. H. Cryderman.....
477	aHarding.....	Woodville.....	A. Galloway.....	A. E. Stackab.....
478	aMilverton.....	Milverton.....	Geo. A. Barth.....	W. J. Zoeger.....
479	aRussell.....	Russell.....	Andrew Fraser.....	S. D. Hill.....
480	aWilliamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	E. J. Barkley.....	J. A. Barkley.....
481	aCorinthian.....	Toronto.....	D. W. Jones.....	Bamber Hannigan.....

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED—Continued.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
415	2nd Wednesday	7	9	8	2	4	4	17			1	252	24 June 1916
416	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1					3					49	" "
417	1st Friday	2	2	1								91	" "
418	2nd Friday					3	3				1	71	" "
419	2nd Monday	6	8	3							5	81	" "
420	2nd Monday	9	6	6	6							264	" "
421	Mon. on or bef. F. M.						1					87	" "
422	Wed. on or bef. F. M.			1	1	1		3			1	67	" "
423	3rd Monday	5	4	4			1					73	" "
424	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	2							55	" "
425	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	4	1	2		2				91	" "
426	1st Tuesday	14	14	12	2	2	5	14			1	325	" "
427	1st Wednesday	30	29	27	2	4	3	8				249	" "
428	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	9	5	2	1	2					143	" "
429	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	4			2					57	27 Dec. 1915
430	3rd Monday	13	9	7	3	1	2		1			212	24 June 1916
431	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	6	5	7		2	2	5			2	53	" "
432	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	3	1	5								72	" "
433	2nd Monday	4	5	5		1		6			1	64	27 Dec. 1915
434	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	1	1	3		1		7			1	103	24 June 1916
435	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	6	7	1	2	2	5			12	136	" "
436	Tue. on or aft. F. M.											39	" "
437	3rd Wednesday	22	23	24	4		2					272	" "
438	4th Monday	17	21	20	2	8	8	6				443	" "
439	1st Tuesday	1	1	2	1	1	1	5			1	64	" "
440	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	1								64	" "
441	1st Friday	7	6	6								69	" "
442	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3		3	1	2						103	" "
443	2nd Friday	2	2	3		3		11			1	68	" "
444	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	4	3	2		1						81	27 Dec. 1915
445	2nd Wednesday	1	1	1								54	24 June 1916
446	1st Tuesday	6	2	1		3		1				96	" "
447	2nd Monday	6	2	3	2							96	" "
448	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	2								45	" "
449	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	3								58	" "
450	Thursday bef. F. M.	4	3	4	2			2				72	" "
451	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2			2					58	" "
452	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	4	4	1		2	3				105	" "
453	1st Wednesday	8	7	10	2		1	5				145	" "
454	1st Monday	4	5	6								77	27 Dec. 1915
455	2nd Tuesday	4	4	3		1						91	" "
456	Thur. on or bef. F. M.				1		1					55	24 June 1916
457	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	6	5	1			4				47	" "
458	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4		2		2				89	" "
459	2nd Tuesday	2	2	3								93	" "
460	Thur. on or bef. F. M.				1						1	69	27 Dec. 1915
461	1st Thursday		2	2								93	" "
462	3rd Thursday	10	13	12	1	1	2					194	" "
463	4th Friday	4	2	2		1						48	24 June 1916
464	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	3	4	1	1					1	70	" "
465	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	1		1						56	" "
466	1st Friday	3	2	3								74	" "
467	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	3	3	2		3						59	" "
468	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	3	5	5		1		1				76	" "
469	2nd Monday	9	7	8	2	2	1					200	" "
470	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	10	10	8	2	1	2					130	" "
471	1st Wednesday	2	2	2								56	" "
472	1st Wednesday	1	2	3			1	1				74	" "
473	2nd Friday	11	13	14	8	8	3	1			1	224	" "
474	3rd Tuesday	17	16	15	2	6	3					255	" "
475	3rd Saturday	31	25	21	1	4	3	13			5	225	" "
476	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	4	1	4						70	" "
477	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	1								57	" "
478	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	4	1	4	1				1	68	27 Dec. 1915
479	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	12	9	10	1		1					106	24 June 1916
480	Thur. on or bef. F. M.				1	1	1					44	" "
481	4th Monday	13	11	8	1		2	4				142	27 Dec. 1915

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1916,

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
482	aBancroft.	Bancroft.	Wm. N. Simmons	I. A. Eby
483	aGranton	Granton	T. S. Hill	C. C. Powers
484	Golden Star	Dryden	A. M. Taylor	J. M. Adams
485	aHaileybury.	Haileybury.	W. J. Attig	Geo. Barber
486	aSilver.	Cobalt	A. D. Campbell	R. D. Devlin
487	aPenewobikong.	Blind River.	G. J. McArthur	F. Y. W. Brathwaite
488	aKing Edward.	Harrow	T. B. Adams	G. E. Johnston
489	aOsiris.	Smith's Falls.	F. O. Whitcomb	H. A. Ross
490	aHiram	Markdale	C. R. King	J. G. McDuff
491	aCardinal.	Cardinal.	Willis Fletcher	Wm. Clark
492	aKarnak.	Coldwater.	G. W. Scott	R. A. Brown
493	aSt. Marys.	St. Marys	E. E. Brown	T. L. Sinclair
494	aRiverdale.	Toronto	Jas. A. Spring	J. W. Malcolm
495	aElectric.	Hamilton	Ray Livingston	W. F. Montague
496	aUniversity	Toronto.	A. A. Kinghorn	P. W. Rogers
497	aSt. Andrew's.	Arden	Harvey Loyst	F. L. Wormworth
498	aKing George V.	Coboconk	Chas. M. Callan	F. C. Fielding
499	aPort Arthur.	Port Arthur	R. Routley	A. Rome
500	aRose.	Windsor	Geo. E. Rason	M. P. McMaster
501	aConnaught.	Mimico.	L. J. West	E. J. Hutchins
502	aCoronation.	Smithville.	E. D. Armstrong	F. F. Hays
503	aInwood.	Inwood.	Wm. R. Dawson	S. S. Courtwright
504	aOtter.	Lombardy	Wm. J. McSpadden	Clark Nicholls
505	aLynden.	Lynden	Milton Rount	Gilbert Filshie
506	aPorcupine.	Porcupine	Robt. Sims	J. T. Price
507	aElk Lake.	Elk Lake	R. C. Argue	John W. Rodie
508	aOzias	Brantford	C. M. Sheppard	F. W. Benedict
509	aTwin City.	Berlin	W. E. Finnegan	Geo. DeKleinhans
510	aParkdale.	Toronto	H. J. Brown	F. G. Law
511	aConnaught.	W. Fort William	R. A. McManus	J. D. McCuaig
512	aMalone	Sutton West	A. B. Greenwood	O. J. Silver
513	aCorinthian	Hamilton	Geo. H. Britton	J. R. Croft
514	aSt. Albans.	Toronto.	Wm. S. Milne	J. L. Davidson
515	aReba	Brantford.	Thos. J. Kirby	D. E. Russell
516	aEnterprise	Beachburg.	John E. Cameron	P. C. Creggan
517	aHazeldean	Hazeldean	T. W. Boyes	B. C. Grant
518	aSioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	A. W. Posnett	J. E. Cole
519	aOnondaga.	Onondaga	John Douglas	R. J. Cranston
520	aCoronati.	Toronto.	Jas. A. Burry	H. J. Lamont
521	aOntario	Windsor	Alex. Moir	J. R. Thompson
522	Mt. Sinai	Toronto.	A. Brookstone.	C. E. Garrard
523	aRoyal Arthur	Peterborough	H. R. H. Kenner	W. H. Walkey
524	aMississauga.	Port Credit.	Rev. Henry Earle	W. G. Price
525	aTemple.	Toronto.	F. G. I. Whetter	G. G. Elliott
526	aIonic.	Westboro'	Thos. Saunders.	A. H. Holloway
527	aEspanola	Espanola.	Le Baron Dibblee	Joseph Plaunt
528	aGolden Beaver	Timmins	Chas. C. Williams	H. H. Moore
529	aMyra	Komoka.	Daniel Campbell	Peter Barber
530	aCochrane.	Cochrane	W. S. Carter	J. G. Yates
531	aHigh Park	Toronto	Geo. Hermiston	R. B. Magill
532	aCanada.	Toronto	Jos. E. Baker	G. W. Sanderson
533	aShamrock	Toronto	H. C. Scully	C. Donovan
U D	aEnglehart	Englehart	Jas. Patterson	C. H. Ham
U D	aPhoenix	Fonthill.	B. A. Pattison	S. B. Brush

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No. of Loose	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
482	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	3	3	2	1					113	24 June 1916
483	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	5								57	"
484	2nd Tuesday	6	7	6	1	5	2	2				69	"
485	1st Thursday	10	7	8	2	6	2				1	177	"
486	1st Monday	7	10	10	1		4	2				192	"
487	2nd Monday	6	2	1		1						63	"
488	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	5								84	27 Dec. 1915
489	Friday aft. F. M.	5	5	5	1	1						88	24 June 1916
490	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	2		3	1					39	"
491	2nd Friday	6	4	3	1	1						63	"
492	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4	1		1					69	"
493	4th Monday	11	9	9								85	"
494	4th Friday	14	12	13	5	4	3				1	225	"
495	3rd Wednesday	21	19	19	3	5	2	3				240	"
496	4th Thursday	9	10	11	3	3	1					153	"
497	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4								43	27 Dec. 1915
498	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	3				1				45	24 June 1916
499	2nd Monday	8	7	7	2	3						151	"
500	3rd Tuesday			2		2						67	"
501	3rd Thursday	13	12	10	2	3	1					95	"
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.			2	1	1						49	"
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	5	1	2						49	"
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	3		5						39	"
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	13	13	8		1	1					60	"
506	1st Thursday	6	18	23	1	1						128	"
507	2nd Friday	2	5	8		1	1					84	"
508	2nd Wednesday	5	6	7		1						49	"
509	4th Friday	7	5	4	1							76	"
510	2nd Friday			3	3	1						88	27 Dec. 1915
511	3rd Monday	6	7	9	2	1						52	"
512	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	7	2							60	24 June 1916
513	4th Thursday	37	31	27	10							141	"
514	3rd Monday	27	31	34	1	2	2					169	"
515	2dd Friday	8	7	4	3							79	"
516	1st Monday	7	6	5	2			1				46	"
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3	2							47	"
518	1st Monday	6	6	4		1						68	27 Dec. 1915
519	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	7	2							46	24 June 1916
520	2nd Tuesday	18	7	11		2	1					209	"
521	1st and 3rd Monday	24	21	24			1					93	"
522	2nd Tuesday	21	17	10								59	"
523	1st Monday	8	10	11	3							53	"
524	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	6	4	4							36	"
525	4th Tuesday	11	12	14					2			54	"
526	2nd Wednesday	16	15	16	26	3	1					74	"
527	1st Wednesday	9	8	7	1							29	"
528	2nd Wednesday	11	7	2	6							53	27 Dec. 1915
529	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	16	14	11	1		1					30	24 June 1916
530	2nd Friday											24	No return.
531	3rd Friday	156	159	93	18							197	24 June 1916
532	1st Friday	55	44	35	6		1					87	"
533	3rd Tuesday											77	"
UD	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	5	2	1		1					37	"
UD	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	3										47	"
		3393	3149	2962	585	658	673	714	6	2	183	61062	

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1 (16 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Douglas, Windsor.

No. 31—Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 402—Central	Essex
No. 41—St. George's.....	Kingsville	No. 403—Windsor.....	Windsor
No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 413—Naphtali	Tilbury
No. 47—Great Western	Windsor	No. 448—Xenophon	Wheatley
No. 267—Parthenon	Chatham	No. 457—Century	Merlin
No. 274—Kent	Blenheim	No. 488—King Edward	Harrow
No. 290—Leamington	Leamington	No. 500—Rose	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim	Comber	No. 521—Ontario	Windsor

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1a (18 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. F. W. Judd, St. Thomas.

No. 44—St. Thomas	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. David's	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Mark's	Port Stanley	No. 327—Hammond	Wardsville
No. 120—Warren	Fingal	No. 336—Highgate	Highgate
No. 140—Malahide	Aylmer	No. 364—Dufferin	Melbourne
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 386—McColl	West Lorne
No. 232—Cameron	Dutton	No. 390—Florence	Florence
No. 245—Tecumseh	Thamesville	No. 391—Howard	Ridgetown
No. 255—Sydenham	Dresden	No. 411—Rodney	Rodney
No. 282—Lorne	Glencoe	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2 (20 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wesley Carter, Sarnia.

No. 56—Victoria	Sarnia	No. 294—Moore	Courtright
No. 81—St. John's	Mt. Brydges	No. 312—Pnyx	Wallaceburg
No. 83—Beaver	Strathroy	No. 323—Alvinston	Alvinston
No. 116—Cassia	Thedford	No. 328—Ionic	Napier
No. 153—Burns	Wyoming	No. 392—Huron	Camllachie
No. 158—Alexandra	Oil Springs	No. 397—Leopold	Bridgen
No. 194—Petrolia	Petrolia	No. 419—Bismarck	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock	Watford	No. 425—St. Clair	Sombra
No. 260—Washington	Petrolia	No. 437—Tuscan	Sarnia
No. 263—Forest	Forest	No. 503—Inwood	Inwood

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3 (20 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. C. H. Ziegler, London.

No. 20—St. John's	London	No. 344—Merrill	Dorchester Sta
No. 42—St. George's	London	No. 345—Nilestown	Nilestown
No. 64—Kilwinning	London	No. 358—Delaware Valley	Delaware
No. 107—St. Paul's	Lambeth	No. 378—King Solomon's	London
No. 190—Belmont	Belmont	No. 379—Middlesex	Bryanston
No. 195—Tuscan	London	No. 380—Union	London
No. 209a—St. John's	London	No. 388—Henderson	Iderton
No. 289—Doric	Lobo	No. 394—King Solomon	Thamesford
No. 300—Mount Olivet	Thorndale	No. 399—Moffatt	Harrietsville
No. 330—Corinthian	London	No. 529—Myra	Komoka

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4 (18 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. P. T. Coupland, St. Marys.

No. 33—Maitland	Goderich	No. 233—Doric	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James	St. Marys	No. 303—Blyth	Blyth
No. 84—Clinton	Clinton	No. 307—Arkona	Arkona
No. 133—Lebanon Forest	Exeter	No. 309—Morning Star	Carlow
No. 141—Tudor	Mitchell	No. 332—Stratford	Stratford
No. 144—Tecumseh	Stratford	No. 456—Elma	Monkton
No. 154—Irving	Lucan	No. 478—Milverton	Milverton
No. 170—Britannia	Seaforth	No. 483—Granton	Granton
No. 224—Zurich	Hensall	No. 493—St. Marys	St. Marys

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No 5 (10 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John Watson, Listowel.

No. 93—Northern Light ..Kincardine	No. 284—St. John's .....Brussels
No. 162—Forest .....Wroxeter	No. 286—Wingham .....Wingham
No. 184—Old Light .....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair .....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard .....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich .....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater .....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce .....Tiverton

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Harry P. Stoneman, Ingersoll.

No. 10—Norfolk .....Simcoe	No. 174—Walsingham .....Port Rowan
No. 37—King Hiram .....Ingersoll	No. 178—Plattsville .....Plattsville
No. 43—King Solomon's...Woodstock	No. 181—Oriental .....Port Burwell
No. 68—St. John's .....Ingersoll	No. 217—Frederick .....Delhi
No. 76—Oxford .....Woodstock	No. 237—Vienna .....Vienna
No. 78—King Hiram .....Tillsonburg	No. 250—Thistle .....Embro
No. 104—St. John's .....Norwich	No. 259—Springfield .....Springfield
No. 108—Blenheim .....Princeton	No. 261—Oak Branch .....Innerkip
No. 149—Erie .....Port Dover	No. 359—Vittoria .....Vittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7 (17 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. E. Flath, Drayton.

No. 72—Alma .....Galt	No. 279—New Hope .....Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River .....Berlin	No. 295—Connestogo .....Drayton
No. 172—Ayr .....Ayr	No. 297—Preston .....Preston
No. 180—Speed .....Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot .....Baden
No. 203—Irvine .....Elora	No. 321—Walker .....Acton
No. 205—New Dominion..New Hamburg	No. 347—Mercer .....Fergus
No. 219—Credit .....Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley .....Guelph
No. 257—Galt .....Galt	No. 509—Twin City .....Berlin
No. 258—Guelph .....Guelph	

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8 (20 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Lanigan, Hamilton.

No. 6—The Barton .....Hamilton	No. 185—Enniskillen .....York
No. 27—Strict Observance..Hamilton	No. 272—Seymour .....Ancaster
No. 40—St. John's .....Hamilton	No. 291—Duferin .....W. Flamboro
No. 57—Harmony .....Binbrook	No. 324—Temple .....Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia .....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown .....Millgrove
No. 62—St. Andrew's .....Caledonia	No. 382—Doric .....Hamilton
No. 100—Valley .....Dundas	No. 400—Oakville .....Oakville
No. 135—St. Clair .....Milton	No. 475—Dundurn .....Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington .....Burlington	No. 495—Electric .....Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth .....Stoney Creek	No. 513—Corinthian .....Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Hill, Alliston.

No. 90—Manito .....Collingwood	No. 285—Seven Star .....Alliston
No. 96—Corinthian .....Barrie	No. 304—Minerva .....Stroud
No. 137—Pythagoras .....Meaford	No. 348—Georgian .....Penetanguishene
No. 192—Orillia .....Orillia	No. 385—Spry .....Beeton
No. 230—Kerr .....Barrie	No. 444—Nitetis .....Creemore
No. 234—Beaver .....Clarksburg	No. 466—Coronation .....Elmvalle
No. 236—Manitoba .....Cookstown	No. 467—Tottenham .....Tottenham
No. 249—Caledonian .....Midland	No. 470—Victoria .....Victoria Harbour
No. 266—Northern Light .....Stayner	No. 492—Karnak .....Coldwater

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10 (20 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. T. Farrell, Grimsby.

No. 2—Niagara	Niagara	No. 254—Clifton	Niagara Falls
No. 7—Union	Grimsby	No. 277—Seymour	Port Dalhousie
No. 15—St. George's	St. Catharines	No. 296—Temple	St. Catharines
No. 32—Amity	Dunnville	No. 337—Myrtle	Port Robinson
No. 103—Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin	Wellandport
No. 105—St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	No. 372—Palmer	Bridgeburg
No. 115—Ivy	Beamsville	No. 373—Copestone	Welland
No. 168—Merritt	Welland	No. 471—King Edward VII,	Chippawa
No. 169—Macnab	Port Colborne	No. 502—Coronation	Smithville
No. 221—Mountain	Thorold	U. D. —Phoenix	Fonthill

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11 (21 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John W. Lawrence, Toronto.

No. 98—True Blue	Bolton	No. 468—Peel	Caledon East
No. 229—Ionic	Brampton	No. 474—Victoria	Toronto
No. 305—Humber	Weston	No. 496—University	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood	Woodbridge	No. 501—Connaught	Mimico
No. 346—Occident	Toronto	No. 510—Parkdale	Toronto
No. 356—River Park	Streetsville	No. 522—Mount Sinai	Toronto
No. 367—St. George	Toronto	No. 524—Mississauga	Port Credit
No. 369—Mimico	Lambton Mills	No. 525—Temple	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha	Toronto	No. 531—High Park	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta	Toronto	No. 533—Shamrock	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley	Toronto		

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a (19 Lodges)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, Toronto.

No. 16—St. Andrew's	Toronto	No. 343—Georgina	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic	Toronto	No. 354—Brock	Cannington
No. 75—St. John's	Toronto	No. 424—Doric	Pickering
No. 87—Markham Union	Markham	No. 430—Acacia	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson	Stouffville	No. 464—King Edward	Sunderland
No. 218—Stevenson	Toronto	No. 473—The Beaches	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha	Uxbridge	No. 494—Riverdale	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union	Claremont	No. 520—Coronati	Toronto
No. 316—Doric	Toronto	No. 532—Canada	Toronto
No. 339—Orient	Toronto		

TORONTO CENTRE DISTRICT No. 11b (19 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Toronto.

No. 22—King Solomon's	Toronto	No. 156—York	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond	Richmond Hill	No. 247—Ashlar	Toronto
No. 54—Vaughan	Maple	No. 265—Patterson	Thornhill
No. 65—Rehoboam	Toronto	No. 292—Robertson	King
No. 79—Simcoe	Bradford	No. 326—Zetland	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson	Toronto	No. 438—Harmony	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon	Queensville	No. 481—Corinthian	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan	Newmarket	No. 512—Malone	Sutton West
No. 118—Union	Schomberg	No. 514—St. Alban's	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun	Aurora		

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12 (17 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. M. Peebles, Colborne.

No. 17—St. John's	Cobourg	No. 145—J. B. Hall	Millbrook
No. 26—Ontario	Port Hope	No. 161—Percy	Warkworth
No. 30—Composite	Whitby	No. 223—Norwood	Norwood
No. 31—Jerusalem	Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar	Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion	Brooklin	No. 325—Orono	Orono
No. 66—Durham	Newcastle	No. 374—Keene	Keene
No. 91—Colborne	Colborne	No. 428—Fidelity	Port Perry
No. 114—Hope	Port Hope	No. 435—Havelock	Havelock
No. 139—Lebanon	Oshawa		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13 (17 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Hy. F. Ketcheson, Belleville.

No. 11—Moirs	Belleville	No. 127—Franck	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward	Pictou	No. 164—Star in the East, Wellington	
No. 29—United	Brighton	No. 215—Lake	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling	Stirling	No. 401—Craig	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft	Bancroft
No. 126—Golden Rule	Campbellford		

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14 (15 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John H. Birkett, Kingston.

No. 3—Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston	No. 228—Prince Arthur	Odessa
No. 9—Union	Napanee	No. 253—Minden	Kingston
No. 92—Cataraqui	Kingston	No. 299—Victoria	Centreville
No. 109—Albion	Harrowsmith	No. 404—Lorne	Tamworth
No. 119—Maple Leaf	Bath	No. 441—Westport	Westport
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 460—Rideau	Seeley's Bay
No. 157—Simpson	Newboro	No. 497—St. Andrew's	Arden
No. 201—Leeds	Gananoque		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15 (14 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. L. Tait, Smith's Falls.

No. 5—Sussex	Brockville	No. 368—Salem	Brockville
No. 14—True Britons	Perth	No. 370—Harmony	Delta
No. 24—St. Francis	Smiths Falls	No. 387—Lansdowne	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'tain, N. Augusta	
No. 74—St. James	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun	Athens	No. 489—Osiris	Smith's Falls
No. 242—Macoy	Mallorytown	No. 504—Otter	Lombardy

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16 (22 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. W. Jeffrey, Ottawa.

No. 52—Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
No. 58—Doric.....	Ottawa	No. 264—Chaudiere	Ottawa
No. 63—St. John's	Carleton Place	No. 371—Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
No. 122—Renfrew	Renfrew	No. 433—Bonnehochere	Eganville
No. 128—Pembroke	Pembroke	No. 459—Cobden	Cobden
No. 147—Mississippi	Almonte	No. 465—Carleton	Carp
No. 148—Civil Service	Ottawa	No. 476—Corinthian	North Gower
No. 159—Goodwood	Richmond	No. 479—Russell	Russell
No. 177—The Builders.....	Ottawa	No. 516—Enterprise	Beachburg
No. 196—Madawaska	Arnprior	No. 517—Hazeldean	Hazeldean
No. 209—Evergreen	Lanark	No. 526—Ionic	Westboro

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Dugald McBane, Rainy River.

No. 287—Shuniah	Port Arthur	No. 453—Royal	Fort William
No. 414—Pequonga	Kenora	No. 461—Ionic	Rainy River
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 484—Golden Star	Dryden
No. 417—Keewatin	Keewatin	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 445—Lake of the Woods....	Kenora	No. 511—Connaught	W. Fort William
No. 446—Granite	Fort Frances	No. 518—Sioux Lookout, Sioux Looko't	

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18 (11 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. W. McCrea, Sault Ste. Marie.

No. 405—Mattawa	Mattawa	No. 455—Doric	Little Current
No. 412—Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	No. 469—Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie
No. 420—Nipissing	North Bay	No. 472—Gore Bay	Gore Bay
No. 427—Nickel	Sudbury	No. 487—Penewobikong	Blind River
No. 442—Dymont	Thessalon	No. 527—Espanola	Espanola
No. 447—Sturgeon Falls.....	St'r'g'n Falls		

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19 (8 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Jos. Hillier, Burk's Falls.

No. 352—Granite	Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong	Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka	Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin	Emsdale
No. 376—Unity	Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan	Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona	Burk's Falls

VICTORIA DISTRICT No. 20 (15 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Jas. B. Begg, Lindsay.

No. 77—Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	No. 408—Murray	Beaverton
No. 101—Corinthian	Peterborough	No. 440—Arcadia	Minden
No. 155—Peterborough, Peterborough		No. 451—Somerville	Kinmount
No. 268—Verulam	Bobcaygeon	No. 463—North Entrance	Haliburton
No. 313—Clementi	Lakefield	No. 477—Harding	Woodville
No. 375—Lorne	Omeme	No. 498—King George V.....	Cobocank
No. 398—Victoria	Kirkfield	No. 523—Royal Arthur	Peterborough
No. 406—Spry	Fenelon Falls		

EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John A. Locke, Cardinal.

No. 21a—St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 320—Chesterville	Chesterville
No. 28—Mount Zion	Kemptville	No. 383—Henderson	Winchester
No. 110—Central	Prescott	No. 418—Maxville	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers, Iroquois		No. 452—Avonmore	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg, Williamsburg	
No. 256—Farran's Point	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal	Cardinal

TEMISCAMING DISTRICT No. 22 (8 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. R. H. James, Cobalt.

No. 462—Temiscaming	New Liskeard	No. 507—Elk Lake	Elk Lake
No. 485—Haileybury	Haileybury	No. 528—Golden Beaver	Timmins
No. 486—Silver	Cobalt	No. 530—Cochrane	Cochrane
No. 506—Porcupine	South Porcupine	U. D.—Engelhart	Engelhart

BRANT DISTRICT No. 23 (14 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James C. Spence, Brantford.

No. 35—St. John's	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George	St. George
No. 45—Brant	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram	Hagersville
No. 82—St. John's	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford	Burford	No. 505—Lynden	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias	Brantford
No. 121—Doric	Brantford	No. 515—Reba	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT No. 24 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. P. Johnston, Walkerton.

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar	Warton
No. 235—Aldworth	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf	Tara	No. 436—Burns	Hepworth

GREY DISTRICT No. 25 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John R. Mills, Shelburne.

No. 88—St. George's ..	Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur	Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's ..	Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur	Arthur
No. 216—Harris	Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne	Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington	Erin	No. 421—Scott	Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham	Durham	No. 449—Dundalk	Dundalk
No. 322—North Star ..	Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram	Markdale

RECAPITULATION

No. 1—Erie District.....	16 Lodges
No. 1a—Erie District.....	18 Lodges
No. 2—St. Clair District	20 Lodges
No. 3—London District.....	20 Lodges
No. 4—South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
No. 5—North Huron District.....	10 Lodges
No. 6—Wilson District.....	18 Lodges
No. 7—Wellington District.....	17 Lodges
No. 8—Hamilton District.....	20 Lodges
No. 9—Georgian District.....	18 Lodges
No. 10—Niagara District.....	20 Lodges
No. 11—Toronto West District.....	21 Lodges
No. 11a—Toronto East District.....	19 Lodges
No. 11b—Toronto Centre District	19 Lodges
No. 12—Ontario District.....	17 Lodges
No. 13—Prince Edward District.....	15 Lodges
No. 14—Frontenac District.....	14 Lodges
No. 15—St. Lawrence District.....	22 Lodges
No. 16—Ottawa District	12 Lodges
No. 17—Algoma District	11 Lodges
No. 18—Nipissing District.....	8 Lodges
No. 19—Muskoka District.....	15 Lodges
No. 20—Victoria District.....	18 Lodges
No. 21—Eastern District.....	8 Lodges
No. 22—Temiscaming District.....	14 Lodges
No. 23—Brant District.....	12 Lodges
No. 24—Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
No. 25—Grey District.....	12 Lodges

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D. 1915-1916.

No. 2—F. W. Cowley, Jas. Hamwell, Jno. Kerr, Jas. Loughton, Jno. Redhead.
 3—F. V. Samwell, J. C. McConachie, R. J. Shannon, W. H. Smart, J. D. Truesdall,
 W. A. Young. 5—A. K. Gillam, E. A. Hudson. 6—Fred. Scheltzer, Wm. Muir,
 K. Ross, R. B. Gardiner, Jas. Henning. 9—D. R. Benson, B. F. Davy, Jno. L.
 Neilson, Wm. Dunworthy. 10—Frank L. Rverson, J. C. Kingsborough, R. O.
 Blazing, A. S. Jackson, I. A. Culver. 14—A. W. Fairbain, B. F. McKerrecher, R.
 M. Houston, Geo. T. Kerr, Fredk. Settrich, Robt. Simpson, G. S. Woltz, Thos. B.
 Moore, E. P. Allen. 20—Hy. Lewis, Wm. T. Lane. 22—C. H. Downs, W. G.
 Grant, A. R. Lecester, L. F. McCaul, W. A. McConnell, F. J. Nixon, F. A. Ogle-
 tree, F. B. Rogers, Jno. Thew. 26—J. J. Jarrett, H. M. Norton, L. H. Wood, F. A.
 Morley, H. W. Armstrong, J. N. McLean, L. F. McLean. 28—Saml. J. Martin, B.
 A. Seely. 31—Geo. Simpson, J. Hellyer, Jr., A. J. Gay, E. S. Holmstead, W. H.
 Trewin. 33—Horace Horton, P. H. Horton. 34—Thos. Patterson. 37—W. E.
 Butler. 40—R. M. Moncur, F. T. Conery, H. Fisher, F. F. Hamilton, R. C. Jarvis
 W. E. Lencrette, A. Lindsay, R. H. Robinson, R. M. Hoose, J. A. Farmer. 41—L.
 H. Petts. 42—Jno. Wilkie, E. S. Field, H. M. Patterman. 43—F. S. Auston,
 C. H. McPherson, G. E. Connor, F. C. Hawthorn, T. H. McLeod, Wm. C. Gimley
 A. Siple, F. T. Egener, C. H. Brooker, C. B. Brown, G. W. Dockstander, A. A.
 Thulow, Fred. Parnell, H. Field, A. Sutherland, A. McLay, W. A. Thornton, Geo.
 Carr, R. Cuddie, Jno. B. Hunter, L. C. Parkin, R. S. Bristol. 44—John Bennett.
 45—W. S. Giddens, W. A. Clark, L. J. Hastings, J. La Russ. 47—G. E.
 B. Cage, D. Earl, E. Fowler, C. W. Clark, G. F. Leggett, A. E. Murby, H.
 F. Shearer, D. Scott, C. S. Short, Chas. Thompson, Geo. Thompson, J. G.
 Watson, M. H. Bertrand. 48—L. F. Morrice. 52—T. P. Aylin, W. F.
 Bompas, W. R. Burrill, Jos. Kaliski, Jas. Lackey, R. H. McInnes, A. A.
 Shorter, W. G. Smith. 58—J. G. Dawson. 61—T. Atkinson, W. Addy,
 Jas. Bryers, C. McLean, Max Stofte, Jno. Tufford, Murray M. Wickins, Jas.
 Brodie, R. P. Day, J. W. Ripley, W. G. Stevenson, Geo. H. Wetherill. 62—Julius
 Baxter, Albert Orr. 63—Geo. Gillies. 65—G. H. Bostock, N. H. Bready, R.
 D. Harding, Jno. Robertson, A. McColl, Jno. A. Scott. 69—G. E. Lloyd, W.
 M. Wickett, Thos. E. Sims, D. C. Betts, A. F. Jackson. 72—Peter Henderson,
 Jno. W. Porteous, A. S. Brown, A. E. Buchan. 74—Geo. F. Staynes. 75—Chas.
 R. Clark, Thos. Wilay. 76—F. Willis, H. Webber, J. E. Sharnan, Chas. Leader,
 R. E. Fulton, Jno. Easton, Wm. G. Clarke, V. P. Moyer, I. Millburn. 81—T.
 Kennedy, R. H. Parker, A. E. Torrance, G. J. White, R. A. Williams. 82—D.
 Drynan. 84—R. Graham, J. E. Cantelor, J. N. Gunn, B. A. McEwan, Wm. Gunn.
 86—C. H. Ashley, R. V. Dawson, G. P. Irick, J. F. London, T. C. McKenzie. 91—
 C. P. Brown, T. B. Hewson, W. T. Hollis, H. B. Johnson, J. A. Kerr, J. S. Mc
 Glennon, A. S. Scougale, C. A. Wilson, W. E. Kemp, S. D. Dudley, Percy Thornton.
 92—Hy. Brown, Wm. Craig, Hy. Dyke, W. A. Grant, Leslie Hughes, A. E. Herod,
 H. Macpherson, J. E. Neilson, D. A. Weise, A. J. Woodward. 94—Oliver Dawson.
 96—Wm. Ross, N. W. Bryson, R. W. Burton, A. Crump, Geo. Livingstone. 98—
 John McCabe, Rd. I. Preston, R. Van E. Conover. 100—J. H. Broomfield. 103
 —Jas. Mason, A. E. Queenstein, Fred. Staggon. 104—E. E. Swartout. 105—S. F.
 Britmead, N. B. Kaler, R. G. Murray, Geo. Murray, T. L. McArtney, H. M.
 Robertson, G. W. Vashinder, W. H. Barry. 107—Wm. Collins, P. Schmidt, C. E.
 Winters. 110—Jno. Baker, A. M. Halliday, J. S. Lane, J. S. Moore, J. A. McGill,
 J. W. Swan. 118—W. J. Harris. 119—C. J. Brethen, J. H. Marshall, Wm. Mc
 Donald, N. Rickley, Geo. R. Roddick. 121—J. W. Bowles, W. W. Duncan, L. G.
 Finch, Jno. J. Grant, N. H. Hamilton, Geo. J. Harp, Jasper Harp, H. L. Hagey,
 T. Leeming, H. F. Muir, P. J. McKay, T. J. Rogers, W. A. Russell, J. T. Storey,
 A. G. Thomas, E. Vansickle, Jno. W. Wood. 122—D. Craig, A. C. McKay, H.
 D. Moss, D. A. Ward, R. C. Timmins. 125—Wm. Clayton, Robt. Corrigan. 127
 —Peter Grass. 131—J. A. Burch, D. McAulay, K. Montgomery. 133—Wm.
 Monteith. 140—W. H. Knight, Wm. Milroy, R. Owens. 141—Wm. Lehman.
 144—S. Edwards, C. E. Purdy, J. Duguid, G. T. Pettigrew, J. Booth, H. A. Eckart,
 J. H. McCabe. 153—Geo. G. Hartely, Wm. H. Hartely, Jas. Fraser, Arch. A.
 Dewar, Jas. McNamee. 156—W. Vanderlip, Jas. Logie, F. Joyce, J. B. Whaley,
 F. Allen, W. J. Laurence, Wm. Bailey, R. Curzon, J. Atkinson, Geo. S. Egles. 157
 —Wm. M. Bass, Jno. L. Webster. 158—A. Annett, F. K. C. Zimmer, T. J. Liddon,
 C. Wollen, W. J. Sheppard, A. C. Smith, E. Booth. 159—Wm. A. Caldwell, Wm.
 H. Hartin. 161—L. J. Frost, W. M. Codling, E. A. Bull, Jas. O. Grieve. 162—
 F. W. Gibson, Jno. Rutherford, Geo. Spotter, John Irwin, N. J. Robinson, C. F.
 Edwards, A. Miller. 164—Fred. E. Macdonald, J. O. Fenton, W. H. Wright
 W. K. Buck, Alex. McAdam. 165—F. A. Galloway, W. L. Brunton, W. Johnston,
 J. W. Dalton. 168—Thos. C. Hamill. 177—C. W. Ball, F. C. Chittick, W. E.
 Isaac, F. McCallum, S. S. Smith, J. D. Wallis. 181—Levi Lewis, W. Hollywood,
 T. E. Vollans. 184—Hugh Morrison, W. J. Irwin. 185—Jas. Walpole, Wm.
 Oxford. 186—Wm. Story, T. P. Johnson. 192—Nelson James, Jno. A. Kneale,
 J. R. McLeod, Ed. Jones, H. E. Williams. 193—Jas. Edgworth, A. C. Eddy, C.
 Woodley, Wm. F. Young, Jas. W. Mather. 195—Geo. Phelps. 196—W. H.
 Fletcher. 203—Edward Jeffries. 209a—Jno. J. McKay. 218—Munson Brown.

- Alex. J. Shepley. 219—J. C. Shortell. 222—J. Dermo, J. J. Murphy, W. A. Sargent, J. McWilliams, J. F. Kennedy, A. N. Vars. 223—Alex. Primrose, L. H. Kirkpatrick, M. R. Nicol. 234—Alex. McBeth, Fred. C. McDonell, Jno. Thirsk Geo. P. Keyes. 225—J. B. Seburger, T. J. Sheppard, C. H. McFarlane, Wm. T. E. Price. 228—M. MacDonalld. 230—F. J. Robinson, A. McKenzie. 231—Alex. F. Frood, A. H. Minshell, S. Nevitt. 239—Robt. E. Moore, A. B. Johnston, Jno. T. Kissack. 249—G. H. Cooper, J. M. Davidson, Robt. Hill, G. F. Hannah, W. R. Maxwell, D. A. McLean, Robt. Reid. 250—Hugh Thompson, Geo. A. Murray, Daniel G. Murray, Wm. G. Sutherland. 253—R. L. Squires, W. P. Spalding. 254—Robt. Trotter. 255—E. E. Medows. 256—D. P. McKinnon, Gordon Baker J. J. Thompson. 257—R. D. Griffith, A. E. Bond, W. R. Thom, Geo. Mutch. 260—W. W. Ferguson. 266—Harold Sheppard. 271—D. Campbell, J. H. Lacey, E. Battle, A. Royce, R. C. Fair, G. J. Katzenmiller, B. A. McKinnon, Thos. McNally, 274—G. F. Colman, A. Pickering, T. P. Warner, A. Dallas. 282—M. C. Elliott, Jas. R. Scott, A. E. Archer, Jno. A. McEachren. 285—Ed. C. O'Neill, A. J. Hunter F. McMulkin, T. J. Gilmore. 287—S. J. Tricking, Jno. A. Buckman, A. S. Morris, R. J. Black, Jas. MacRae, A. F. Gibbs. Jno. K. Nelson, A. J. Mitchell, Geo. L. Broughton. 290—R. J. Rushlow, Jas. Selkirk, Chas. A. Edsall. 291—W. Weaver, J. H. Hay, R. J. Johnson, Chas. Hewitt, C. Hanes, Chas. S. Mills, Jno. W. Cockburn. 300—Jno. McQuirrie, Jno. McDonald. 304—Jno. Bayes, T. E. Lord, W. Leonard, L. J. Simpson, D. J. Hanham, C. Coulter. 305—Jno. C. Curlett. 311—W. J. Hollingshead, I. B. Walker, Jno. T. Moore. 314—G. W. Kells, M. S. Hayes, R. E. Hayes. 315—Richd. Bowes, W. A. Fortner. 316—J. A. Chandler, H. K. MacKenzie, E. B. Johnson, W. H. Reid, A. Cadeaux. 319—Hy. Gallagher, H. A. McDonald, H. H. Ross, J. E. Symington, E. Sheldrick. 322—Wm. Clark, V. E. Phillip, Wm. Covers, R. Sivil. 323—J. W. E. Branan, R. W. Benner, A. McLachlan, W. Morrison. 326—J. N. Scott, A. F. Northcote, R. F. Killock. 328—W. E. Armstrong, Arthur James. 330—A. B. Barter, R. W. Reid. 332—F. W. Clegg, A. K. Levan, Jas. Morrice. 337—Arthur Abbey, Jno. H. Robins, H. E. Bouk, A. Pearson, C. H. Vanderburg. 338—P. McDonald, M. Wallace. 343—W. J. Baggs, A. C. Pipe, A. L. McDonald, C. C. Macdonald, P. Macdonald, W. E. Baird. 344—Jas. Hunt, C. R. Partlow, Jno. Rath, S. L. Jackson. 345—Leslie O. O'Dell. 346—W. N. Amsbury, Jas. Davidson, Wm. H. Donald, J. R. McLean, F. C. Townsend, E. L. Sinclair, D. J. McBeth, Jno. T. Sutherland, F. N. Smith, Jas. Shaw, W. C. Spafford, Hy. J. Weldon. 348—L. C. Adams, A. M. Adams, A. D. Cornett, Archd. Gure, F. J. Cattermole. 352—Jno. Montzomery, F. W. Kennedy, Jas. Kydd, W. H. Bundy, D. W. Ross. 358—G. W. Hardy 360—C. G. Mills, F. W. Mills, A. J. Stillwell, A. Briesse, F. P. Walton. 361—Chas N. Daly, Chas. P. Stewart. 362—Wm. J. Thompson. 364—Jno. Cooper, Jno. Williamson, J. H. Tolson. 367—F. Brawn, H. D. Barry, Jas. R. Goodman, Geo. A. Graham, C. G. Henderson, T. H. Matthews, R. J. Peterson, A. G. Rolston, W. S. Shaw, F. H. Colquhoun, Thos. Hobbs. 368—Jno. W. Boyd, Geo. F. Stayner, Jno. S. Semple. 369—Wm. Bird, E. Cox, J. S. Doddridge, W. C. Wilcox. 373—J. A. Sutherland, G. A. Eberley, R. W. Eberley, P. S. Peacock. 380—D. Ferguson, R. W. Glover, Jos. Readman, J. F. Lawson. 382—Jno. W. Bier, Saml. Wright, S. Howard, D. Forbes, J. B. Williams, Wm. McQueen, W. H. W. Lucy, A. C. Leitch, E. Nash. 384—E. Swindlehurst, N. M. Miner. 385—Hy. Wrigat, W. A. Pringle. 387—M. R. McDonald. 389—Geo. Ackland. 396—Jno. W. Phillips. 397—Roy E. Battram. 398—Ben. Stacey, Peter Spence. N. McLean, P. Haygarth. 399—W. B. Spence. 400—Jos. Young, D. O. Cameron. 401—Geo. D. Edgar, Wm. E. Stewart. 403—D. A. Ferguson, L. H. Blackburn, R. B. Bowden, E. J. Parsons, A. W. Redout, F. W. Stodgell, J. C. Stephenson, W. Robins. 405—Robt. G. Plan, H. B. Mullin, Thos. Cuthbert, W. W. Wright, Jno. E. Tracey. 406—Peter Dryman. 409—W. T. Sinclair, J. F. Gilmore. 410—Henry Badell, G. J. W. Forth, A. W. Eyer, G. Hogg, Linn Stewart. 412—Wm. Sample, W. A. Tetlock, T. S. Thompson, Jas. Thompson, W. R. Thom, D. J. Webb. 413—E. S. Sales, D. McN. Smith, Jno. Manery, Jas. I. Hill, Oliver Harper. 415—G. Blacklock, F. A. Fair, J. C. Greer, W. H. Lavery, C. E. Atkin, J. E. Michell, E. G. Miller, R. McCrannon, A. McLeod, G. P. McLaughlin, J. B. Pigg, J. Porter, H. L. Stewart, J. E. Richards, R. Sutherland, E. C. Whitelaw. 421—Adam Densmore. 422—F. Clifford, J. D. Elwood, Jas. Thompson. 425—Alex. McRae, S. A. Bingham. 426—C. S. Mahony, J. B. Spurr, W. H. Wilson, H. W. Raybould, Peter Oswald, Fred. C. Hallet, R. C. Kelsey, Wm. Ellis, Geo. Ellis, Jos. B. Wilson, J. H. Porter, C. W. Plow, J. H. Fulford, A. E. Stewart. 427—V. W. Johnston, H. F. Shepperd, R. E. McArthur, Wm. Harland, Jno. Hannah, Wm. Errington, F. Andrews, Jno. H. Smeltzie. 431—Robt. Alexander, Wm. Young, Hy. Bradley, F. Bennett, J. R. McIntosh. 433—Jno. C. Morlock, A. Luloff, Jno. W. Childerhose, Regd. Instant, H. A. Ogilvy, Wm. M. Senn. 434—H. N. Modeland, P. C. Cooper, T. J. Fairbain, E. Malkin, R. L. Malkin, W. H. Noger, Jno. Warren. 435—Wm. Cochrane, C. W. Elliott, W. W. Webster, Jno. McGill, Jas. Beatty. 438—G. J. Arlow, G. A. Bond, F. A. Rowlin, H. C. Ritchie, J. H. Seif, W. J. Thompson. 439—S. Dewar, M. Simon, J. R. McIntosh, J. M. McCummon, H. F. Dillabough. 443—J. N. Arthurs, Jas. Card, Jas. Campbell, Wm. A. Hyland, Hy. O'Neil, H. A. Richardson, R. M. Rattray, Thos. Raycroft, D. G. McRae, S. George, A. E. Lamplin, W. A.

Harnstock, B. Wright. 446—L. R. Wylie. 447—G. F. Rouse. 450—Alex. Jamieson, W. W. Peart. 452—Jno. D. Downie, W. G. Stewart, Jno. J. Helmer. 453—Jno. A. Perry, G. A. Couldbry, F. Hartley, Jno. N. Betts, E. Armstrong. 457—R. G. Hutchinson, D. R. Smith, H. H. Marsall, C. W. Haliday. 458—I. F. Burton, A. E. Hager. 468—E. C. Snell. 473—Jas. H. Walker. 475—W. R. Good, W. Menken, J. T. K. Pollybank, Jno. U. Sumnor, F. Sheldrake Maurice. Jno. B. Kerr, M. Jubb, Geo. Howick, Geo. W. Vollick, J. H. Acheson, L. R. E. Awrey, F. Fennel. 481—Jno. McVittie, Alfred E. Matthew, Frederick Dawson, Harry M. Thornton. 484—Jno. Hayes, C. J. Swanson, E. Milne, J. W. Chapple, Wm. F. Wofter, Geo. Hardy. 486—Wm. Craig, C. M. Ross. 494—F. Mace. W. R. Keith, R. Milne, D. Bissell, C. H. Knapton, S. Currie, A. R. Munro 495—A. E. Nord, Robt. Ross, F. W. Hamerton. 498—Lester Crowe. 513—W. Murray Wickens, Wm. Addy. 516—R. B. Genest.

SUSPENSIONS U.M.C. 1915-1916.

No. 48—Leslie F. Morrice. 63—Wm. Jenkins. 105—Richard Smith, R. J. Smith. 430—F. W. Brown. 472—W. H. Gamey, Tunis R. Hunt. 525—Horatio H. Hines, Jas. Todd.

EXPELLED, 1915-1916.

No. 63—William Jenkins. 151—William M. Cramm. 156—James H. Denison. 324—Adam B. Mackay.

DEATHS 1915-1916.

No. 2—Wm. Forbes, 15 April 1915, Jas. E. Merriman, 10 April, 1915, Rd. Briggs, 15 November, 1915. 3—Hugh R. Duff, 1 February, 1916, Hy. Birtles, 29 February, 1916. 5—W. J. Simpson, 9 April, 1916, C. P. Woods, 24 April, 1916, W. H. Albery, 4 May, 1916, D. Derbyshire, 18 June, 1916. 6—R. W. B. Smith, 28 March, 1916, D. A. McIlroy, 9 April, 1916, J. H. McCoy, 7 June, 1916, Hiram Barker, 21 June, 1916, Geo. C. Holden, 22 August, 1915, Wm. W. Main, 5 November, 1915, Geo. T. Turner, 26 November, 1915, A. Ballantyne, 11 February, 1916. 7—P. Falconbridge, 10 October, 1915, Wm. B. Nelles. 9—H. M. Denroche, 10 March, 1916, H. S. Baker, 5 April, 1916. 10—Geo. F. Counter, 28 November, 1915, Chas. Frith, 31, 1916, Isaac Kitchen, 27 January, 1916. 11—Wm. A. Pringle, 22 September, 1915, C. T. Doctor, 5 December, 1915, C. B. Foster, 13 February, 1916, D. J. Fairfield, 12 April, 1916, Wm. Lott, 18 April, 1916. 14—Jno. G. Campbell, 10 September, 1915, Jas. McNaughton, 2 November, 1915. 15—Albert Chatfield, 30 July, 1915, Charles Burch, 25 September, 1915, Hy. M. Adie, 1 May, 1916. 16—R. M. C. Davis, 24 May, 1915, A. G. Nugent, 19 June, 1915, P. R. Wright, 6 November, 1915, R. A. Ward, 27 November, 1915, R. A. Hallas, 6 December, 1915, Wm. Anderson, 31 January, 1916, Wm. J. Hendry, 2 March, 1916, D. Prentice, 10 March, 1916. 17—Hy. B. Lonso, 2 November, 1915, Thos. Rowe, 20 January, 1916. 18—W. R. Leavens, 6 February, 1916, W. T. Shannon, 21 April, 1916, T. G. Wright, 1 June, 1916. 20—Jno. A. Somerville, 27 September, 1915, W. H. Davidson, 30 March, 1916, Thos. Gray, 9 March, 1916, Neil Graham, 21 April, 1916, Chas. McKattree, 10 May, 1916. 22—Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, Geo. N. Fraser, 8 August, 1915, Wm. Bateman, 8 Sept., 1915, Jno. Harrison, 20 September, 1915, W. H. Clapp, 20 November, 1915, J. H. Edmund, 8 December, 1915, Hy. Dodson, 27 January, 1916, Alex. C. Andrews, 15 February, 1916, B. MacDonald, 7 March, 1916, N. C. Pilcher, 19 May, 1916. 23—F. McConnaghy, 10 August, 1915. 24—Ogle R. Webster, 15 October, 1915, Geo. A. Keith, 5 January, 1916, Jno. H. Wright, 13 May, 1916. 25—Wm. M. Douglas, 7 January, 1916, Colin W. Postlethwaite, 22 April, 1916, A. W. Croft, 6 November, 1915, Wm. E. Haslem, 24 November, 1915, Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, Geo. F. Shepley, 7 January, 1916. 27—Robt. Renton, 21 November, 1915, John P. Stanton, 29 September, 1915, Jno. W. Theaker, 3 November, 1915, Jas. Adam, 27 May, 1916, M. K. Little, 15 February, 1916. 28—T. W. Barins, 15 August, 1915, Wm. Manning, 28 April, 1916. 29—John Brems, 3 October, 1915, T. H. May, 20 August, 1915, Chas. M. Sanford, 15 April, 1916, Isaac O. Proctor, 28 March, 1916. 30—John De Hart, 25 December, 1915, Jas. Shaw, 11 February, 1916. 31—J. N. McDougall, 25 April, 1916. 32—Thos. L. M. Tipton, 7 August, 1915, Jno. W. Scholfield, 30 October, 1915. 33—W. J. Thomas, 15 October, 1915, R. A. Blackstone, 14 December, 1915, A. Allen, 17 February, 1916, W. L. Horton, 6 March, 1916, Saml. A. Meyan, April, 1916, Hy. J. Marney, 5 May, 1916, D. B. Holmes, 31 May, 1916. 34—R. L. Kitchen, 15 October, 1915. 35—Jas. M. Thompson, 5 August, 1915, Edwy. S. Baxter, 15 February, 1916. 37—Thos. I. Choate, 21 January, 1916. 38—Lewis Abbott, Sr., 1 August, 1915, R. Cronk, 16 January, 1916, Wesley Weese, 10 May, 1916. 40—C. R. Smith, 26 June, 1915, E. Brown, 17 September, 1915.

Jas. A. Cox, 14 December, 1915. A. H. Mawson, 1 July, 1915. J. W. Sanders, 13 January, 1916. D. Hill, 23 January, 1916. C. D. Blachford, 18 January, 1916. Robt Bowering, 6 February, 1916. Saml. J. T. Brown, 9 February, 1916. Hugh McKellar, 12 February, 1916. Wm. Noble, 10 June, 1916. 41—J. Golden, 27 March, 1916. W. W. Chisholm, 23 March, 1916. Wm. Fleming, 25 February, 1916. 42—Wm. Norris, 14 March, 1916. 43—Alex. McGachie, 12 August, 1915. Geo. MacPherson, 21 March, 1916. 44—H. H. Eviley, 30 July, 1915. A. W. Baldwin, 22 September, 1915. Jno. Midgley, 19 February, 1916. W. G. Davies, 13 April, 1916. 45—Thos. Woodyarth, 13 October, 1915. Jas. Duncan, 18 November, 1915. H. R. Frank, 31 January, 1916. J. LeRusk, 24 April, 1916. A. E. Wiles, 25 March, 1916. H. D. Clapsattle, 2 May, 1916. Jos. Jackson, 5 June, 1916. Adam Spence, 46—Wm. R. Hall, 15 September, 1915. D. S. Gray, 9 September, 1915. J. G. McKenzie, 13 October, 1915. Chas. C. Hadley, 18 December, 1915. Geo. Deline, 15 January, 1916. E. B. Jones, 22 January, 1916. Wm. Norris, 6 March, 1916. Jas. Fleming, 10 February, 1916. Wm. T. Shannon, 21 April, 1916. 47—A. G. Kenowan, 30 October, 1915. Chas. Clark, 3 October, 1915. Thos. Reid, 17 February, 1916. Wm. Fleming, 25 February, 1916. Ernest Gay, 20 May, 1916. S. B. Finlay, 31 March, 1916. 48—Wm. H. Smith, December, 1915. 50—Geo. H. Morrow, 17 March, 1915. Wm. Brown, 13 August, 1915. 52—H. D. Johnson, 17 September, 1915. E. H. Hare, 2 May, 1916. W. H. Olmsted, 19 March, 1916. W. Anderson, 31 January, 1916. 54—Edward Pease, 15 November, 1915. Neil W. Malloy, 12 May, 1916. 55—George A. Whitmarsh, 17 July, 1915. Percy S. Kerr, 18 May, 1916. 56—Wm. J. Ward, 10 August, 1915. 58—Peter Duncan, 18 July, 1915. Jno. Fenton, 28 January, 1916. Alex. Graham, 30 January, 1916. D. Alexander, 23 May, 1916. 61—Geo. C. Robertson, 10 July, 1915. Geo. C. Holden, 22 August, 1915. J. W. Rathbone, 8 January, 1916. J. W. C. Woon, Thos. S. Beasley, 5 June, 1916. 62—Geo. C. Holden, 21 August, 1915. J. B. Munro, 22 October, 1915. Jas. Burras, 16 January, 1916. 63—David Thompson, 12 September, 1915. J. K. Simpson, 2 September, 1915. 64—Jno. W. McIntosh, 3 November, 1915. Geo. B. Sippe, 28 September, 1915. Geo. A. Stone, 21 August, 1915. P. H. Mayland, 31 October, 1915. Jno. R. Clunies, 1 December, 1915. Geo. B. Nash, 15 March, 1916. 65—Jas. W. Varnell, 5 August, 1915. Jos. Goodwin, 17 August, 1915. Jas. Cooper, 5 October, 1915. Jno. Barnard, 18 November, 1915. W. J. Hall, 12 March, 1916. J. J. Pritchard, 7 January, 1916. David Sleeth, 28 May, 1916. A. Bolland, 18 June, 1916. 66—Assa Otton, 17 October, 1915. 68—D. D. Morgan, 26 October, 1915. 69—H. Faulkner, 26 July, 1915. 72—Wm. Knowles, 28 April, 1916. 73—Geo. Taylor, 6 August, 1915. 74—M. H. Bissell, 17 October, 1915. Jno. Edwards, 18 October, 1915. F. McManus, 22 October, 1915. 75—W. E. Smith, 28 July, 1915. W. M. Eastwood, 17 November, 1915. R. R. Davis, 4 April, 1916. R. A. Douglas, 5 January, 1916. Jno. Orr, 13 February, 1916. 76—Alex. Bayne, 16 November, 1915. F. G. Murdy, 11 April, 1916. 77—Thos. Crown, 22 November, 1915. Allan Gillies, 14 October, 1915. G. R. Mullett, 15 November, 1915. Wm. McWalters, 20 January, 1916. 78—Jno. H. Ferguson, 14 October, 1915. W. D. Smith, 12 December, 1915. Jno. T. B. Chilton, 26 January, 1916. 79—D. Ferguson, 6 January, 1916. H. S. Broughton, 12 March, 1916. 81—Wm. E. Sawyer, 6 July, 1915. D. N. McCugan, 16 February, 1916. 82—John Shay, 12 October, 1915. W. F. Latimer, 2 April, 1916. 83—John Goodison, 7 May, 1915. 84—R. J. Cluff, 18 July, 1915. Chas. C. Rance, 5 October, 1915. Jos. T. Rattenbury, 26 March, 1916. 85—Wm. Johnson, 20 November, 1915. N. C. Brown, 22 February, 1916. A. J. Sherman, 9 February, 1916. 86—Hy. W. Joslyn, 8 August, 1915. W. B. Stephens, 21 June, 1916. Alex. McNab, 3 May, 1916. R. L. Wylie, 21 March, 1916. J. O. Tucker, 4 February, 1916. F. H. Curry, 16 January, 1916. J. J. Varey, 25 March, 1916. C. O. Neil, 20 March, 1916. 88—Jno. Sinclair, 7 December, 1915. H. B. Harrison, 3 November, 1915. R. Hair, 27 October, 1915. 91—Geo. Keyes, 21 October, 1915. S. H. Scripture, 13 June, 1915. Geo. Flutter, 20 August, 1915. R. L. W. Coxall, 10 June, 1916. 92—Jno. Mountstephen, 26 August, 1915. M. S. Sutherland, 16 January, 1915. Alex. Snodden, 24 April, 1916. 93—Andrew Malcolm, 8 August, 1915. Jno. A. Ruttell, 19 August, 1915. 94—Jno. O'Brien, 24 June, 1916. 96—Jos. H. Swan, 23 November, 1915. Fred. Sneath, 18 July, 1915. W. B. Aiken, 26 October, 1915. 98—Jas. D. Stephenson, 1 January, 1916. 100—A. E. Terryberry, 24 August, 1915. A. Esson, 7 October, 1915. 101—Geo. E. Revell, 15 June, 1915. Jno. Belcher, 20 August, 1915. 103—Jas. E. Merriman, 2 November, 1915. Hugh J. Conn, 26 September, 1915. A. L. McFarlane, 3 June, 1916. 104—Jas. Irwin, 13 October, 1915. 105—Jas. A. Montgomery, 3 August, 1915. W. A. Morningstar, 31 July, 1915. 107—Jno. C. Love, 7 February, 1916. 108—Jno. Strode, 11 December, 1915. 109—H. A. McCarthy, 16 October, 1915. Jas. I. McKim, 17 April, 1916. 110—Jno. Edwards, 18 October, 1915. Wm. McA. Fraser, 14 September, 1915. Thos. J. Campbell, 6 November, 1915. 113—Alex. Rock, 11 April, 1916. 114—R. Carscadden, 4 January, 1916. Jno. Trew, 13 January, 1916. Hy. Elliott, 16 June, 1916. 115—Geo. Townner, 19 July, 1915. Andrew Liddell, 28 April, 1916. 116—Caleb Kennedy, 15 December, 1915. Robt. Watcher, 4 September, 1915. 118—B. Shuttleworth, 18 December, 1915. 121—Wm. R. McCormack, 27 July, 1915. Jas. Finlayson, 15 August, 1915. Jas. Harvey, 15 October, 1915. M. Bunston, 24 April, 1915. A. J. Matthews, 26 February, 1916. Geo. A. Minnes, 12 February, 1916.

W. J. Patterson, 18 May, 1916, Jas. Tattersall, 26 June, 1916. 122—J. E. H. Barritt, 5 October, 1915, Jas. Ried, 21 November, 1915, Fred. J. Hilliard, 123—Jas. McNab, 20 June, 1915, N. A. Bonsteil, 27 June, 1915, J. J. McWilliams, 1 December, 1915, Ivan S. Hogle, 26 September, 1915, Wm. P. Niles, 11 May, 1916. 125—E. C. Marcellus, 13 July, 1915, S. G. Poole, 26 August, 1915. 126—Fredk. Benor, 8 December, 1915. 127—N. A. Bonsteil, 27 June, 1915, Geo. N. Weston, 8 November, 1915. 128—Chas. Devlin, 21 March, 1916. 129—Wm. H. Birchard, 30 June, 1915, A. Urquhart, 15 October, 1915, W. Collis, 16 October, 1915, Jno. R. Routledge, 14 May, 1916. 131—D. G. McAulay, 26 February, 1916. 137—Wm. J. McCracken, 17 December, 1915, F. A. Clarke, 4 January, 1916. 140—Geo. M. Standing, 18 June, 1915, Jno. Richardson, 9 May, 1916, W. S. Case, 4 March, 1916. 141—Jno. A. Macdonald, 26 August, 1915. 142—P. C. Casselman, 30 September, 1915. 143—Allan J. Marsh, 6 December, 1915, Robt. Thompson, 27 January, 1916, T. A. Thompson, 27 April, 1916. 144—Robt. Jno. Irwin, 27 February, 1916. 145—C. H. Winslow, 3 August, 1915. 146—Hugh Ramsay Duff, January, 1916. 147—Jas. T. McKibbin, 19 April, 1916, Chas. B. Millar, 149—John. R. Davis, 17 July, 1915. 151—Jas. Walmsley 19 November, 1915, Edwin Roat, 20 November, 1915, Wm. Oelschlager, 26 November, 1915, M. Seyler, 10 March, 1916, Aaron D. Weber, 8 May, 1916. 154—Wm. Mathison, 3 July, 1915, Wm. Reid, 10 July, 1915. 155—J. E. Boddy, 19 November, 1915, C. M. Bennett, 28 November, 1915, Geo. Edmison, 24 February, 1916, J. R. Stratton, 19 April, 1916. 156—Alfd. J. Ruthven, 15 July, 1915, W. Vanderlip, 20 February, 1916, L. W. Martin, 24 March, 1916. 157—Benj. Tett, 9 December, 1915. 158—Hugh Logan, 23 February, 1916. 161—M. Weatherston, 3 July, 1915. 164—Henry H. Post, 15 February, 1915, Thos. J. Montgomery, 20 May, 1915, John N. Macdonald, 1 July, 1915, W. F. McPaul, 22 April, 1916. 168—Jacob Ryan, 16 November, 1915. 170—D. J. McCallum, 3 November, 1915, M. J. McLean, June, 1916. 172—Ed. Stedman, 22 March, 1916, Albert G. Styles, 3 June, 1915. 174—Chas. W. Peach, 28 August, 1915. 177—R. W. Kier, 8 October, 1915, A. J. McIntyre, 21 October, 1915, E. A. Bradshaw, 3 February, 1916, S. Fleming, 25 May, 1916, E. Miles, 25 March, 1916, J. D. McCracken, 20 March, 1916, B. Webb, 15 March, 1916. 178—Jno. Clark, 13 January, 1916. 180—C. H. Conery, 10 March, 1916, Geo. D. Pringle, 28 March, 1916, J. Smith, 27 May, 1916, Geo. B. Switzer, 1 June, 1916. 185—R. T. Martindale, 16 May, 1915. 190—Fred. M. P. Watts, 3 April, 1916. 192—E. A. Wood, 18 August, 1915, A. McKinley, 27 Marc , 1916, Jno. F. Tudhope, 15 April, 1916. 193—Wm. H. Tutler, 194—Jno. Gaskell, 5 December, 1915. 195—Chas. B. Hunt, 11 October, 1915, Edward Maingault, 7 August, 1915, J. S. Nevin, 6 May, 1916. 196—Wm. R. Peachy, 28 September, 1915. 200—Donald L. Stewart, 7 November, 1915. 201—J. F. Chapman, 21 July, 1915, Ed. Landon, 22 December, 1915. 209a—Archibald V. Becher, 25 December, 1915, Jno. T. Stephenson, 29 January, 1916, Hugh E. Ashton, 27 February, 1916, C. H. June, 1 April, 1916. 215—Jno. M. Chislett, 20 February, 1916, L. F. Sprague, 5 May, 1916. 216—Geo. W. Maxwell, 23 November, 1915, Geo. Wilcox, 17 December, 1915, Edmund Field, 21 March, 1916. 217—Wilbur H. Whiteside, 17 June, 1916. 218—Jno. S. Elliott, 18 July, 1915, W. C. Happer, 27 September, 1915, Jas. McAllister, 4 July, 1915. 219—Alfred Sykes, 29 November, 1915. 220—Hy. Madill, 1 October, 1915, Chas. Pearce, 13 December, 1915. 222—E. A. Lovelace, 7 February, 1916. 223—Russell S. Pearce, 27 December, 1915. 224—Geo. Joynt, 1 April, 1915, R. D. Bell, 20 May, 1915, Alfred Scrutton, 20 April, 1915, Jas. Bonthron, 16 November, 1915. 225—R. S. Ballantyne, 15 January, 1916. 228—R. W. Aylesworth, 31 July, 1915, S. O. McAuliffe, 17 May, 1916. 229—W. H. McFadden, 21 June, 1916. 230—Ebenezer Brown, 3 July, 1915, Meaford Webb, 30 August, 1915, Robt. A. Douglas, 16 January, 1916. 231—Andrew Curren, 19 December, 1915, Wm. Rice, 18 December, 1915, Alfred F. Waller, February, 1916. 232—Jas. B. Crawford, 17 February, 1915. 233—Jno. D. McColl, 21 April, 1915, Thos. Munro, 21 May, 1916, W. H. Taylor, 28 May, 1916. 234—Thos. Fields, 24 February, 1916, H. D. Laidlaw, 19 April, 1916. 235—Geo. B. Bell, 14 March, 1916. 237—Jas. Ritchabaw, 25 November, 1915, J. A. Griffin, 25 December, 1915. 238—Robt. G. Kelly, 12 December, 1915. 239—Leslie Tuttle, 13 November, 1915, Wm. Wray, 13 February, 1916. 243—R. E. Lampkin, 9 February, 1916. 245—Fred. Percy, 18 February, 1916. 247—Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, V. E. Ashdown, 16 August, 1915, D. M. Henderson, 21 August, 1915, J. O. Stewart, 12 December, 1915, Fred. A. Cragg, 13 February, 1916, Geo. E. Post, 24 March, 1916, Jno. E. Fennell, 24 April, 1916, Chas. Heal, 10 June, 1916. 249—S. Stephenson, 12 November, 1915, Jno. S. Shaw, 3 January, 1916, Wm. F. Rogers, 10 June, 1916. 253—Geo. E. Minns 29 December, 1915, C. W. Wright, 5 January, 1916, C. S. Prowse, 5 June, 1916, Jno. E. Twigg, 11 June, 1916. 254—Jno. W. Bottomley, 23 June, 1915, Fred. F. Wood, 28 September, 1915, W. V. Brown, 16 April, 1916, Jno. Neil, 2 May, 1916. 255—Matthew Moore, 7 October, 1915, W. H. A. Switzer, 18 March, 1916. 256—Herbert A. Prince, 20 June, 1916. 257—Geo. McCulloch, 16 April, 1916. 258—Alex. Elrick, 2 December, 1915, Harry Bolton, 7 March, 1915, Rd. Mahoney, Sr., 28 October, 1915, Wm. Stuart, 25 August, 1915. 260—Geo. A. Reid, 4 October, 1915, Jas. Stewart, 7 May, 1916. 262—Geo. Leighton, 3 January, 1916, Alex. Yule. 263—G. W. Gammon, 27 November, 1915, Jos. Davis.

13 December, 1915, Jno. H. Gillies, 21 January, 1916, Robt. Scott, 8 April, 1916, 264—Wm. Howe, 15 August, 1915, Percy W. Crawley, 22 April, 1915, H. B. Woodruff, 15 April, 1916. 267—Wm. R. Peck, 28 July, 1915, L. Wallace, 17 October, 1915, D. Moore, 25 October, 1915. 268—Jas. Martin, 15 October, 1915. 269—Geo. Johnson, 5 December, 1915, Thos. Booker, 30 May, 1916, Jno. Gerow, 6 June, 1916. 271—Isaac M. Teeter, 28 November, 1915, F. J. Hartley, 28 May, 1916. 272—Hy. Rolston, 16 October, 1915, Jno. Munroe, 22 October, 1915, Jas. Dunkley, 2 January, 1916. 274—J. Nichol, 7 September, 1915. 277—H. W. La Rush, 15 October, 1915, Wm. Crawford, 26 October, 1915. 279—Simon Aitcheson, 9 September, 1915, Robt. J. Lockhart, 20 October, 1914. 282—Geo. Parrott, 31 October, 1915. 283—Wm. Webster, 5 January, 1916, C. E. Weise, 6 June, 1916. 286—Jno. Scandrett, 22 February, 1916, Jos. Reading, 27 February, 1916. 287—Ernest Weeks, April, 1915, Thos. Pritchard, 12 October, 1915. 290—Jno. Thompson, 5 June, 1916. 291—Alex. Lowrey, 18 December, 1915. 297—Chas. Sturmer, 13 September, 1915, Reginald Sears, 24 December, 1915. 300—Thos. H. May, 17 April, 1916. 302—Wm. H. Ingram, 12 September, 1915, W. S. Graves, 12 February, 1915, S. A. Potticary, 20 September, 1915. 303—Jno. Sturdy, Matthew Nairns. 304—H. Warnica, 25 October, 1915. 309—Wm. Meadel, 11 April, 1916. 311—Hugh Simpson, 25 March, 1916. 312—Wm. R. Wagthorne, 2 March, 1916, A. D. Brander, 30 December, 1915, Jas. Daley, 24 February, 1916. 314—Peter Coates, 1 July, 1915, H. McEwing, 2 October, 1915. 316—Wm. Mc Cartney, 6 October, 1915, Arthur Pearson, 6 October, 1915, C. Rasson, 5 May, 1916. 319—Robt. McDonald, 1 August, 1915. 320—Wm. McKay, 3 August, 1915, Francis Elliott, 17 June, 1916. 322—Fred. W. Harrison, 9 February, 1916, F. M. P. Watts. 323—Jas. Croft, 9 September, 1915, Robt. McLaughlin, 14 February, 1916. 324—Jno. Finlayson, 15 October, 1915, A. H. Mawson, 1 July, 1915, R. T. Dickenson, 15 January, 1916. 326—J. C. Abel, 15 July, 1915, Geo. Castle, 18 September, 1915, Jno. Pugsley, 13 October, 1915, M. Wickett, 8 December, 1915, E. J. F. Flockes, 7 April, 1916, G. McPherson, 8 January, 1916, Hy. Moss, 21 January, 1916, J. B. Creighton, 7 February, 1916, Thos. Williams, 13 February, 1916. 329—Robt. Easton, 17 January, 1916, Jas. C. Mills, 1 April, 1916. 330—H. E. Tremee, 8 June, 1916, Jas. Hy. Case, 18 June, 1916. 332—Jno. R. Ross, 13 April, 1915, Wm. H. Magee, 14 June, 1915, Alfred C. Saults, 22 February, 1915, Geo. J. Hess, 5 April, 1915, Geo. McCabe, 3 December, 1915. 333—Jas. Knox, 10 May, 1915. 337—T. R. Gay, 17 August, 1915. 338—Geo. Gilmore, 26 October, 1915, H. B. Bush, 9 June, 1916. 339—Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, Geo. W. Cutter, 1 November, 1915, J. H. Harrison, 27 November, 1915, Jno. J. McQuillan, 1 December, 1915, W. J. Chick, 4 December, 1915, R. Kelly, 3 February, 1916, J. B. Vick, 2 March, 1916, C. W. Rapp, 7 April, 1916, T. Callicott, 2 May, 1916, Wm. A. Ferrier, 6 May, 1916. 343—Wm. Walters, 5 October, 1915, A. E. Guthrie, 27 July, 1915, Geo. Henry, 12 September, 1915, Rd. A. Sheppard, 17 February, 1916. 346—Thos. W. Barber, 24 March, 1916, Geo. T. Blackbird, 25 March, 1916, Albert E. Breckals, 18 June, 1916, Chas. Edwards, 12 May, 1916. 352—Wm. S. Burd, 24 May, 1916, Jno. Nettleton, 9 January, 1916. 356—Jas. Miller, 27 December, 1915. 357—Solomon Ryckman, 16 April, 1916. 358—W. G. McKellar, 11 January, 1916, Albert H. Stratton, 27 January, 1916, R. Mc Fee, 15 May, 1916. 359—W. H. Davidson. 350—Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, Robt. Fullerton, 1 December, 1915. 361—Simon Devlin, 12 August, 1915, G. H. S. Wilson, 15 October, 1915. 362—Harry A. Williams, 13 March, 1915, E. G. Gerolomy, 18 January, 1916. 367—Jas. H. Hall, 5 July, 1915, Robt. M. Larter, 11 July, 1915, C. W. Harding, 2 February, 1916, D. Fitzpatrick, 4 March, 1916, Wm. H. Wright, 24 March, 1916, J. E. Braund, 23 April, 1916, E. M. Caslon, 6 June, 1916. 368—E. A. Buckman, 1 May, 1916, A. E. Soper, 22 May, 1916. 369—Albert Sharpe, 11 July, 1915, Jos. Bell, 19 May, 1915, Thos. G. Earl, 31 May, 1916, Hy. Culham, 15 June, 1916. 371—Thos. Westwick, 11 July, 1915, W. G. J. Stetham. 372—Jno. R. Boag, 21 July, 1915, Robt. Magwood, 24 November, 1915, Chas. Findlay, 15 February, 1916, D. F. Wilkins, 6 May, 1916. 373—Alex. Eastman, 8 September, 1915, C. E. Yokom, 6 May, 1916. 377—Andrew Fead, 15 October, 1915, Jno. Palmer, 18 December, 1915. 378—Ernest F. C. Thomson, 9 December, 1915. 380—E. G. Howey, 29 May, 1915, Jno. Hamilton, 24 April, 1915, John Andrew, 26 October, 1915. 382—N. E. Adams, 13 October, 1915, Jno. Huxtable, 12 December, 1915, Geo. Midgley, 28 July, 1915, G. Belanger, 1 February, 1916, Jas. Anderson, 12 April, 1916, Geo. McNair, 1 May, 1916. 384—Hy. F. Falkiner, 4 July, 1915, D. McGill, 2 October, 1915, Hy. Hart, 26 September, 1915, Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, H. C. Parker, 20 December, 1915, Wm. Fahey, 5 April, 1916, J. Matthews, 20 February, 1916, R. E. R. Reeve, 2 April, 1916, R. G. C. Stewart, 28 March, 1916. 385—G. C. Ramsay, 10 February, 1916, M. I. Aitkin, 15 April, 1916. 387—Wm. W. Frew. 391—Robt. Stanton, 21 April, 1916, Jas. Waugh, 24 June, 1916. 393—Jas. Edgar, 17 February, 1916. 394—Nelson C. McCarty, 27 July, 1915, H. G. Gourlay, 14 November, 1915. 395—Ray A. Smith, 26 March, 1916. 396—Wm. Jno. Ferguson, 27 August, 1915, S. Howther, 3 October, 1915, Jno. Irwin, 29 October, 1915. 398—Ed. Mosgrove, 10 June, 1916. 400—Donald R. McKay, 15 December, 1915, Wm. Slade, 16, 1916. 401—John F. Chapman, 21 July, 1915, Thos. Nesbitt, 27 November, 1915, Wm. Donaldson, 10 January, 1916.

402—Thos. Batton, 14 November, 1915, Wm. Millen, 22 November, 1915. 403—W. W. Meacham, 23 November, 1915, Thos. Reynolds, 17 January, 1916, G. B. White, 19 January, 1916, A. R. Nash, 23 January, 1916, D. H. Hind, 28 January, 1916, R. F. Whyte, 18 April, 1916, J. G. Morgan, 1 June, 1916. 405—A. MacKay, 4 December, 1915, W. Y. Daykin, 19 September, 1915, A. N. Grasswell, 6 April, 1914. 406—Jno. Austin, 27 April, 1916. 409—Archie E. McEachren, 17 November, 1915, John J. McNeil, 26 February, 1916, A. F. Cooper, 25 Feb. 1916, G. T. White, 26 February, 1914. 410—W. H. Sheppard, 25 January, 1916, Chas. Clarke, 15 February, 1916, D. McIntyre, 7 April, 1916. 412—Ashley F. Goodall, 11 October, 1915, Jno. Hearst, 4 December, 1915, M. McLennan, 26 March, 1916, R. G. Aitkin, 15 June, 1916. 414—A. Barkwell, 4 August, 1915, L. D. McColl, 26 April, 1916. 415—Thos. Hatton, 4 April, 1916, Jno. Morton, 7 May, 1916, W. Armstrong, 24 May, 1916. 416—Jas. Robinson, 1915, R. P. Gardiner, 1915, M. Wilson, 17 May, 1916. 418—Stewart Kennedy, 2 July, 1915, R. McLennan, 18 November, 1915. 421—Jas. Park, 23 August, 1915, Lewis A. Rounding, 17 May, 1916. 423—Geo. Cottrell, 27 November, 1915. 426—Jno. Witheridge, 17 November, 1915, Jas. H. Raybould, 15 February, 1916, E. G. E. Ffokes, 1 April, 1916, R. A. Carter, 1 May, 1916, Jas. H. McGhie, 29 May, 1916. 427—Jno. B. McNab, Jno. Stewart, 30 December, 1915, D. Jacobs, 1916. 428—Jno. W. Irwin, 25 August, 1915, Jno. E. Munro, 13 November, 1915. 429, Geo. Smith, 12 January, 1915, J. W. Strong, 8 September, 1915. 430—John Richardson, 26 August, 1915, Wm. J. Ward, 31 July, 1915. 431—Chas. Elder, 24 August, 1915, A. Bell, 19 October, 1915. 435—Jno. A. McMullen, 13 February, 1916, Josiah Frost, 5 March, 1916. 437—Jas. Kerr, 12 December, 1915, Chas. Cooper, 16 November, 1915, J. P. Buckner, 27 March, 1916, D. E. Manning, 13 April, 1916. 438—Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, Wm. Leach, 27 August, 1915, W. H. Nix, 14 October, 1915, D. J. Sellars, 29 May, 1916, Thos. W. Barber, 24 May, 1916, T. L. Blatchford, 27 April, 1916, W. Eddy, 3 May, 1916, T. G. Elwin, 20 October, 1915. 439—Edward H. Tiffany, 15 March, 1916. 441—C. C. Taggart, 22 February, 1916. 451—Edward King, 11 December, 1915, C. Woodcock, 29 April, 1916, Fred. Train, 10 June, 1916. 452—Wm. H. Wood, 14 October, 1915, Jas. E. Brownell, 9 June, 1916. 453—Jas. Robb Stewart, 14 December, 1915. Heber S. Lewis, 3 January, 1916. 456—Thos. H. McKay, 26 February, 1916. 462—Donald McCosh, 25 March, 1915, Albert N. Morgan, 24 May, 1915. 466—Wm. A. Sneath, 13 March, 1916. 469—John Hawkshaw, 7 October, 1915. 470—Sam'l. Reid, 27 February, 1916, Jno. A. Scott, 15 May, 1916. 473—Geo. H. Bird, 15 July, 1915, Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915, Jno. C. Jorian, 19 December, 1915. 474—A. S. C. Rogers, August, 1915, Jas. Miller, 31 December, 1915, Malcolm S. Mercer, 16 June, 1916. 475—Verner S. O'Neil, 30 October, 1915, Thos. W. Towlson, 23 April, 1915, Wm. Hy. Warwick. 478—F. Parker, 14 July, 1914. 479—Jas. L. Rolston, 5 April, 1916. 480—Hy. C. Markley, 18 June, 1915. 481—Wm. J. Lunness, 23 January, 1915, J. D. Treloar, 11 May, 1915. 484—David Gardiner, 3 June, 1916. 485—David T. Scharf, 16 September, 1915, Fredk. Warrington, 26 April, 1916. 486—W. S. Eldridge, 25 June, 1915, Arthur Jones, 24 November, 1915, W. F. Henderson, 24 April, 1915, E. C. Nichol, 13 January, 1916. 487—R. A. Fortune, 9 May, 1916, Wm. S. Burd, 24 May, 1916. 490—R. M. Phalen, 16 June, 1916. 492—Jas. M. Reid, 14 June, 1916. 494—Jas. Purchase, 4 September, 1915, Jno. M. Kenneth, 25 August, 1915, Jas. M. Virtue, 18 April, 1916. 495—Thos. B. Wilson, 17 June, 1916, Hy. Hartung, 2 April, 1916. 496—Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915. 497—Ernest Monck, 7 August, 1915. 501—A. G. C. Beswick, 10 December, 1915. 505—Andrew Fonger, 12 June, 1916. 507—J. J. McNeil, 8 April, 1916. 513—Geo. O. Gallagher, 29 August, 1915, Fred. L. Briggs, 27 October, 1915. 514—Aubrey White, 14 July, 1916, Epupson Green, April, 1915, Jos. McKibbin, 31 January, 1916. 515—W. R. McCormack, 27 July, 1915. 516—Benj. Mason, 10 February, 1916. 520—J. Melville Davy, April, 1915. 521—Duncan H. Hind, 28 January, 1916. 526—Andrew Curren, 20 December, 1915. 529—Wm. G. McKellan, 11 January, 1916. 532—Jno. N. Magill, 8 May, 1916.

RESTORATIONS 1915-1916.

No. 5—E. F. Chapman. 9—D. R. Benson. 11—Robt. E. Rawlins. 14—Rowdan Taylor. 16—Jno. C. Papineau, J. E. Hansford. 20—W. T. Lane. 22—F. A. Ogletree. 44—Wm. H. Bailey. 45—Frank W. Heyd, Jos. Le Rush, W. T. Ciddens, K. M. Willison. 52—Wm. H. Easton, C. E. Hawkins. 61—Alex. Ironsides, Jno. C. Tufford, H. McKillip. 63—Rd. Moore. 64—G. McK. Nichols, J. B. Campbell, R. Preston. 65—W. A. Saddler. 68—Chas. B. Toull. 75—Geo. Knight. 76—W. E. Leadbetter, Jno. E. Sharman. 77—Norman D. Milne. 78—M. A. Hendershott. 79—Henry Barber, Chas. Elliott. 81—Thos. C. West. 84—Jno. McMurray. 86—E. S. Pittam, Hy. L. Piper. 94—Wm. Garthwaite, Edgar Johnson. 97—Sam'l. J. Bond. 100—M. Watson. 101—Chas. Wynn. 103—J. Sangster. 105—N. B. Kales. 110—S. I. Burchill, Jno. Baker. 121—Chas. Beay. 127—Jno. A. Nugent, A. F. Scott. 128—Wm. R. Kelly. 136—Peter McCallum. 144—Robt. L. Bell. 147—Andrew B. Merrilees.

153—Robt. J. Durrant. 155—W. A. Noble. 156—W. Vanderlip, Geo. H. C. Brookes. 159—Geo. W. Alexander. 165—Jno. W. L. McCraney. 171—Ara W. Forbes. 172—Daniel Rodger. 177—C. W. F. Gorrell. 185—E. Martindale. 192—Wm. Ironside. 193—Geo. Huffman, Wm. Reveley, Chas. F. Day. 194—John Boges, C. Collins. 196—Jno. W. Coombs, A. D. Sinclair. 218—John Craig, A. J. W. Rumsey. 219—Wm. Knight. 223—E. W. Pickford, M. S. Nicholl. 228—R. W. Burgess. 230—F. J. Robinson, S. M. Maley, A. S. Jamieson, A. McKenzie, S. B. Smith, Percy M. Peacock, Wm. D. Bothwell. 231—Fredk. Howland. 233—Wm. J. Semple. 239—R. E. Jones. 243—Chas. B. Bell. 249—D. Caston, R. D. Carty, F. G. Hannah, L. L. Perry, S. W. Swain, J. M. Davidson, D. A. McLean, F. G. Walbridge. 250—Thos. C. McBurney. 253—R. J. Elliott. 254—Jas. C. Groom. 257—W. R. Thorn, B. E. Canriff. 265—Edward Bacon. 266—John A. Cameron, Jno. Hutchison. 274—A. J. Ridley. 277—Jno. C. Abbey. 282—Jas. R. Scott. 289—Gardner Tuckey. 296—Chas. J. Hyde. 304—Thos. Moore. 307—R. A. McIntosh. 312—David S. Seed. 316—W. Sutherland, E. Callaghan, W. J. Maughan. 319—Jacob Symington. 320—Wm. MacKay. 322—Wm. S. Yule. 323—Geo. E. Yorke, Wm. Ellis, S. E. Williams. 330—Walter Foster. 332—Edward H. Ejdtt. 337—J. H. Robins. 338—W. A. Terry. 339—H. B. Hutchinson, W. G. K. Scott, D. Ellsworth, A. J. Mitchell. 341—M. Calder. 344—Harry Dean. 347—Geo. R. Sutton. 348—Chas. B. Bueler, Fred. H. Gregory. 354—Jas. D. Acton. 360—August Brieser. 362—John G. Edgar. 364—Jas. McRoberts, Wm. Pierce. 368—R. L. Graham. 371—R. T. Porter. 378—Chas. W. Bogue. 380—S. J. Rendle. 382—Fred. A. Taylor, Saml. Wright. 384—G. W. Broughton. 387—Frank Graham. 388—E. Ironsides. 390—T. M. Wilson. 391—E. R. Shaw. 392—Andrew Watson. 396—Jno. A. McKinnon. 398—Norman McLean. 403—Alex. Wallace, R. F. Whyte. 409—Geo. Cooper, A. F. Cooper, B. McBride. 410—Chas. W. Boon, Jackson Blizzard, J. E. Stephenson. 412—W. R. Thorn. 414—Alex. McKenzie, M. Wilman, L. L. McPhail, Hy. K. Frost, Peter Johnson. 415—Edwin A. Lodge, Geo. Pratt. 418—R. McCuaig. 419—Alex. C. O'Neil, Wm. Thornton, Thos. McKenzie, Abram Bright, Peter Mitz. 422—Francis Clifford. 426—Thos. Patterson. 431—Walter Beston. 433—Albert Luloff. 434—Jas. Baker, A. Mathieson, W. W. Webster, Jas. Beatty, C. W. Elliott, Wm. Cochrane. 435—Hy. Towan, A. A. Brinkman, W. Wilde, Geo. A. Mathieson, Jos. Knox, Geo. H. Francis, Hy. Seabrook. 439—Jno. R. McIntosh. 443—W. T. Raycroft. 460—Jno. A. Waddell. 464—R. Badenock. 473—Jas. H. Walker. 475—G. S. Howick, Geo. Hy. Gibson, Chas. O. Pilgrim. 477—Edward B. Grigg. 478—Walter F. Hearn. 485—Archd. McColl

SUSPENSIONS REMOVED BY GRAND LODGE, 1915-1916.

105—Richard Smith, R. J. Smith.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

Thomas L. M. Tipton

P.D.D.G.M. Niagara District No. 10, and a member of
Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville.

DIED AUGUST 8th, 1915.

Right Worshipful Brother

Robert McDonald

P.D.D.G.M., Niagara District No. 10, and a member of
Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville.

DIED AUGUST 14th, 1915.

Right Worshipful Brother

George C. Holden

P.D.D.G.M. Hamilton District No. 8, and a member of
Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton.

DIED AUGUST 22nd, 1915.

Right Worshipful Brother

Richard Mahoney

P.D.D.G.M. Wellington District No. 7, and a member of
Guelph Lodge No. 258, Guelph.

DIED OCTOBER 28th, 1915.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

James E. Merriman

P.D.D.G.M. Niagara District No. 10, and a member of
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines.

DIED NOVEMBER 2nd, 1915.

Right Worshipful Brother

William Webster

P.D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District No. 13, and a member of
Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville.

DIED JANUARY 5th, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

John Nettleton

P.D.D.G.M. Georgian District No. 9, and a member of
Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood.

DIED JANUARY 9th, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

William A. Sneath

P.D.D.G.M. Georgian District No. 9, and a member of
Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale.

DIED MARCH 13th, 1916.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

William Simpson

Past Grand Senior Warden, and a member of
Sussex Lodge No. 5, Brockville.

DIED APRIL 9th, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

Daniel Derbyshire

Past Grand Registrar, and a member of
Sussex Lodge No. 5, Brockville.

DIED JUNE 18th, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

William H. McFadden

P.D.D.G.M. Toronto District No. 11, and a member of
Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton.

DIED JUNE 21st, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

James Birch

P.D.D.G.M. Erie District No. 1, and a member of
Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham.

DIED JULY 6th, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

William Henry Cavell

P.D.D.G.M. Toronto East District No. 11a, and a member of
Zeta Lodge No. 410, Toronto.

DIED JULY 9th, 1916.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

James Might

Past Grand Pursuivant, and a member of
J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook.

DIED JANUARY 26th, 1915.

Very Worshipful Brother

Alexander McGachie

Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a member of
King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, Woodstock.

DIED AUGUST 13th, 1915.

Very Worshipful Brother

John McLeod

Past Grand Steward and a member of
Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville.

DIED DECEMBER 3rd, 1915.

Very Worshipful Brother

John Midgley

Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a member of
St. Thomas Lodge No. 44, St. Thomas.

DIED FEBRUARY 19th, 1916.

Very Worshipful Brother

Edward H. Tiffany

Past Grand Junior Deacon, and a member of
Alexandria Lodge No. 439, Alexandria.

DIED MARCH 15th, 1916.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

Thomas W. Barber

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a member of
Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport

DIED MARCH 24th, 1916.

Very Worshipful Brother

Edward Mosgrove

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield.

DIED JUNE 10th, 1916.

Very Worshipful Brother

William O'Brien

Past Asst. Grand Organist, and a member of
St. John's Lodge No. 209a, London.

DIED JUNE 22nd, 1916.

Very Worshipful Brother

Samuel Wesley

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a member of
Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie.

DIED JULY 4th, 1916.

Very Worshipful Brother

Arthur Bowlby

Past Grand Senior Deacon, and a member of
Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford

DIED JULY 19th, 1916

LIST OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1916-17

The Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke.....Ottawa

The Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.....Hamilton

The District Deputy Grand Masters

R.W. Bro.	Wm. J. Douglas	Windsor	Erie District No. 1.
"	Fred. W. Judd	St. Thomas	Erie District No. 1a.
"	Wesley Carter	Sarnia	St. Clair District No. 2.
"	Cyrus H. Ziegler	London	London District No. 3.
"	Percy T. Coupland	St. Marys	South Huron District No. 4.
"	John Watson	Listowel	North Huron District No. 5.
"	Harry P. Stoneman	Ingersoll	Wilson District No. 6.
"	Everon Flath	Drayton	Wellington District No. 7.
"	Geo. H. Lanigan	Hamilton	Hamilton District No. 8.
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Appendix to Proceedings of 1916

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

A. T. Freed, P. G. M., Chairman

To the President of the Board of General Purposes :

On behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence I beg to submit the following report. Proceedings of Grand Lodges reviewed are the following :

Alabama	1915	New Brunswick.....	1915
Alberta.....	1915	New Hampshire.....	1915
Arizona.....	1915	New Jersey.....	1915-1916
Arkansas.....	1915	New Mexico.....	1915
British Columbia.....	1915	New South Wales.....	1915
California.....	1915	New Zealand.....	1915
Colorado.....	1915	North Carolina.....	1916
Connecticut.....	1916	North Dakota.....	1915
Cuba.....	1915	Nova Scotia.....	1915
Delaware.....	1915	Ohio.....	1915
District of Columbia.....	1915	Oklahoma.....	1916
England.....	1915	Oregon.....	1915
Florida.....	1916	Pennsylvania.....	1915
Georgia.....	1915	Prince Edward Isl'd.....	1915
Idaho.....	1915	Quebec.....	1916
Illinois.....	1915	Queensland.....	1915
Indiana.....	1916	Rhode Island.....	1915
Iowa.....	1915	Saskatchewan.....	1915
Ireland.....	1915	Scotland.....	1915
Kansas.....	1916	South Australia.....	1915
Kentucky.....	1915	South Carolina.....	1915
Louisiana.....	1916	South Dakota.....	1915
Maine.....	1915	Tasmania.....	1916
Manitoba.....	1915	Tennessee.....	1916
Maryland.....	1915	Texas.....	1915
Massachusetts.....	1915	Vermont.....	1915
Michigan.....	1915	Victoria.....	1915
Minnesota.....	1916	Virginia.....	1916
Mississippi.....	1916	Washington.....	1915
Missouri.....	1915	Western Australia.....	1915
Montana.....	1915	West Virginia.....	1915
Nebraska.....	1915	Wisconsin.....	1915
Nevada.....	1915	Wyoming.....	1915

ALABAMA.

The ninety-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was opened at Montgomery December 1st, 1915. Henry Clanton Miller Grand Master.

Speaking of the duties and responsibilities of Masons, Bro. Miller, in the opening of his address said:

We have foes without, and foes within, our ranks; and one of our greatest within is the brother who has knelt at our sacred altar and received the same solemn obligations, professing a belief in God and calling upon Him to help him and "keep him steadfast," and now lets fall from his lips such profanity as to make one almost shudder.

Nine dispensations had been granted during the year for the formation of new lodges. Unfortunately the charters of three lodges had been suspended or arrested for failure to comply with the requirements of the constitution.

The Grand Master congratulated the Grand Lodge on the manner in which the finances of the Masonic home had been managed during the year. An amendment to the constitution had been adopted by which lodges throughout the jurisdiction pay \$3 to the funds of the home on the passing of each candidate. Fifty cents per member for that purpose is paid yearly.

He had ruled that every member of a lodge who is present at a Masonic trial must vote unless nearly related to the accused.

The Grand Master objected to the requirements of the Alabama law in respect to physical perfection, and he recommended that the constitution be so changed that the subordinate lodges would pass upon the physical suitability of candidates, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Grand Lodge approved the suggestion, and it will be referred to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction for their approbation.

In concluding his address the Grand Master said:

Today, as never before, has Masonry had the respect and admiration of all thinking people. It stands for morality and right-living; its stand for education and enlightenment; its stand for independence and free thought and free speech and the right to worship our God according to the dictates of our own conscience, without infringing upon the rights of any man, has endeared it to the hearts of all good and true men who honor their home, their God and their country.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodges of Queensland and the Philippine Islands were recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized. A protest against recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands from the Regional Grand Lodge (Spanish) was not entertained.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by M. W. Bro. Nathaniel L. Mewhinney, is arranged by topics and not by jurisdictions. This plan has advantages and disadvantages. Its advantage is that it gives a good summary of what leading Masons throughout the world are saying; its defect is that it does not give a sufficient account of what they are doing. It is a record of opinion and not of history. Bro. Mewhinney has evidently put a lot of work into his report.

Lodges in Alabama 554, including two under dispensation; members 27,916, a gain of 368.

Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa, Grand Master.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA

The tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was opened at Red Deer May 26, 1915. M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson Grand Master.

Immediately after the opening the members of Grand Lodge united in singing the national anthem, after which the following resolution was "carried unanimously amid hearty cheers:"

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon G. H. Hogbin, D.D. (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9) "That the terms of the following resolution be cabled through the proper channel to his Majesty the King."

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Alberta now in session humbly desires at this time to assure his Majesty the King of its loyal fealty to his august person and to the Empire.

We realize that with our allies we are engaged in a just attempt to preserve for all time, not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us, and for mankind at large, those foundations of liberty, freedom, equality and justice which have been among our most prized blessings.

Tens of thousands of Canadian men, many of them members of our ancient fraternity, are offering their lives on the altar of national sacrifice, knowing that no sacrifice is too great for the preservation of national honor.

We beg to assure his Majesty that the Freemasons of Alberta are ready and willing to loyally bear their share of the Empire's burden.

God Save the King.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, and for the most part of a business character. He had constituted and consecrated seven lodges, and installed their officers; and had granted dispensations for the formation of four new lodges. Two lodges had secured incorporation under the provincial act. The Grand Master of Saskatchewan had asked that lodges near the border of the two provinces might be permitted to encroach on the territory of lodges in the adjoining province for the sake of convenience; but Bro. Jackson had declined to assent to this arrangement. He referred the matter to the Board of General Purposes, which recommended that no general action be taken, but that in individual cases candidates might be permitted to join lodges in another grand jurisdiction by waiver of jurisdiction. The recommendation was adopted.

Bro. Jackson's remarks on the war are eloquent and patriotic. Among other good things we find the following paragraph:

We, all of us, have the utmost faith in the righteousness of the cause for which our empire is fighting and in the ultimate victory that will, by the grace of God, be ours. It is too early to attempt to say what will be the effects of

the war, yet I think I can truthfully say that our empire has been cemented together as never before. Individualism, pride, strife, petty ambitions and the money-god will not regain the places formerly held by them in the minds of people. Unity, humility, charity, benevolence and brotherhood will take their places.

He had asked for subscriptions in aid of a Canadian Field hospital; and, though the lists had not been closed, he had received and forwarded fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose named.

Grand Lodge had also raised more than a thousand dollars for relief of sufferers by the disaster at Hillcrest mine; and about the same amount was sent direct by private lodges and by brethren.

He recommended that the ceremonials of Grand Lodge be thoroughly revised; that the visits of the Grand Master be to joint meetings of lodges rather than to individual lodges; that forms of resolutions be sent to the various lodges with instructions as to procedure, relating to incorporation of lodges; and that the earnest attention of the lodges be called to the advisability of preserving the resources to the utmost. The near future, he said, will make the question of Masonic relief even more important than it is now.

Warrants were issued to eight lodges during the year; three were continued under dispensation; and dispensations were granted for the formation of four new lodges. On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence the National, Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France was recognized and an exchange of representatives authorized; a request for recognition from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was not granted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. S. Y. Taylor, now Grand Master. It is brief, but well-written and readable.

Lodges in Alberta 89, including six under dispensation; members 6,672, an increase of 633.

S. Y. Taylor, Calgary, Grand Master.

George Macdonald, M.D., Calgary, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

The thirty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was opened at Prescott February 9th, 1915. Charles Miller Smith Grand Master.

Three special communications had previously been held, all for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

Inevitably the thoughts of the Grand Master turned toward the great war in Europe and the dreadful sufferings of those engaged in it and of helpless women and children suffering for the necessities of life because of it. He said:

That vast numbers of our brethren are engaged in the conflict, and that many of them have died at their post of duty, there can be no doubt. Therefore the vows which we, as Masons, have taken, should forcibly remind us of the duty that we owe to those who appeal to us for aid, and who are less fortunate than ourselves. My brethren, the cry of the distressed and needy from over the seas has come to our ears and claims our attention, and that a quick response is being made is revealed to us by the action of many leading officials of our order at a conference held in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 29th day of November last, the result of which was that, for the first time in the history of Freemasonry, all the grand and subordinate bodies in the United States are united in a charity that promises to be the largest ever undertaken.

A candidate was accepted in Lodge A: before receiving any degree he removed to the jurisdiction of Lodge B. The Grand Master ruled that, at the request of Lodge A, Lodge B might confer the first degree upon the candidate, but both lodges must be certain of the identity of the candidate.

Bro. Smith had visited every lodge in the jurisdiction. He had noticed that uniformity of work did not exist, and hoped for improvement in that respect. He also censured the practice of smoking in lodge while at work.

Grand Lodge decided not to select a permanent place of meeting.

An application for recognition of the National and Independent Grand Lodge of France was laid over for a year.

Apparently there was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges in Arizona 24; members 2,564, a gain of 239.

George Alexander Bridge, Bisbee, Grand Master.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The seventy-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was opened at Little Rock November 16th, 1915. Charles E. Rosenbaum Grand Master.

The roll of deceased Past Grand Masters was called and funeral grand honors given.

Announcement was made of the death during the year of two Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bro. A. J. Witt, who was Grand Master in 1909; and M. W. Bro. Christopher C. Ayers, who was Grand Master in 1897.

The Grand Master had sent out an appeal to the lodges soliciting subscriptions in aid of sufferers by the war in Europe. A sum of \$440.88 was raised and forwarded to the chairman of the Executive Committee of the War Relief Association.

The Grand Master called attention to the fact that appeals had come to him from lodges to initiate candidates "in every way desirable except that they could not comply with the strict construction of our edicts as to physical perfection." He had, he said, no power to grant dispensations to accept such candidates, and he trusted that some solution of the question might be found which

would be acceptable to the craft. The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, to which the subject was referred, recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

That any person possessing the requirements prescribed by Masonic law and usage, although not physically perfect, but possessing no defect which incapacitates him from giving and seeing all signs, grips, steps and salutations, including the positions necessary to take the obligations, and who can give and hear the secret words of Masonry, shall be eligible to the degrees of Masonry.

This, however, did not meet with acceptance, and the whole matter was remitted to the committee with instructions to report at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

In concluding his address Bro. Rosenbaum said:

As we go along life's pathway, there are here and there those incidents or efforts of endeavor which leave an imprint on our hearts and minds which we may well liken to the halting at some mile stone we reach on a traveled road, and where, because of the mingling of congenial comrades, we linger long before we reluctantly depart on our way. It is with this thought I liken my term as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

A resolution was offered to the effect that all newly-made Master Masons must within a reasonable time pass a satisfactory examination in the third degree in open lodge. It was referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage for report at the next annual communication.

No report on Foreign Correspondence appears in the Proceedings.

Lodges in Arkansas 523, including five under dispensation; members 20,766.

L. P. Kemper, Siloam Springs, Grand Master.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The forty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened at

Victoria Thursday, June 17, 1915. James Stark
Grand Master.

Bro. Stark had been a very busy man during his term as Grand Master. He had visited about fifty lodges, and had presided at eleven emergent communications of Grand Lodge. One of the latter was for the purpose of attending the funeral of M. W. Bro. Israel Wood Powell, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Powell was born at Port Colborne, Ontario, in 1837, and was seventy-eight years of age at the time of his death. He was initiated in 1858, and had been a Mason 57 years. He was Worshipful Master of a lodge in 1861, and had been an installed Master fifty-four years. He was elected Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia in 1871, and was Past Grand Master forty-four years. M. W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson, who was Grand Master in 1885 was also among those whose loss by death was deplored.

Circulars had been issued prohibiting the printing on lodge notices of the names of candidates to be balloted for. Also advising the discontinuance of expensive banquets and the studying of economy generally.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of two new lodges.

A draft for a thousand dollars had been sent on behalf of the Grand Lodge in aid of the Belgian relief fund.

A body of Masons had been found in the city of Vancouver called the Masonic Senate, and Bro. Stark submitted that such a body should not be permitted to continue, as it might eventually usurp some of the powers of the Grand Lodge. We cannot share that fear; still the name was not wisely chosen, and it is better to change it.

Respecting the war Bro. Stark had these wise and patriotic remarks:

Our empire has suddenly been plunged into the vortex of a terrible war, a war unparalleled in the history of the world. Our fraternity has nobly responded to the country's call, by giving as its quota the very best material it posses-

ses. Many of our brethren have gone to the front imbued with commendable patriotism, sacrificing their possessions and all they hold dear, that they might assist in the defence of king, right and justice. It is our part, brethren, to do all in our power for their cheer, comfort and encouragement. Let us not be lacking in this respect, but may we continue our unflagging interest in their behalf. Many valuable lives have already been sacrificed on the battlefield. Let the sympathy of this Grand Lodge flow out to the bereaved ones, and where necessity demands, let us unsparingly display the beauties of brotherly love, relief and truth.

He recommended that lodges should be forbidden to initiate candidates on the evening in which they are accepted; and, in accordance with that recommendation, Grand Lodge resolved that a period of at least two weeks must elapse between acceptance and initiation. Doubtless the intent is to provide for cases in which objection to candidates may be made after election.

In the address of the Grand Master there was a reference of some kind to the order of the Eastern Star. A brother objected to this, and the passage was struck out.

Bro. Stark was happy to be able to state that, during the year the progress of the order in British Columbia had been phenomenal, and that peace, harmony and good fellowship prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

A resolution of loyalty and devotion to the king, the crown and the empire; "under circumstances so unparalleled in the history of the world," was unanimously adopted and cabled to the king, and a most gracious reply was received from his Majesty while Grand Lodge was still in session.

The very interesting and comprehensive report on foreign correspondence is by R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, the Grand Secretary. While we read Bro. Smith's reports with a great deal of pleasure, and derive instruction from them, we cannot help thinking that our good brother is at times just a little bit hypercritical. For example, he says that M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, at the communication of Grand Lodge in 1913, was "lay-

ing it on pretty thick to call Ottawa 'the metropolis of Canada,' " There is no doubt that Ottawa is not a metropolis in the sense of being a mother city; but modern usage has quite forgotten the meaning of the original words. To-day a metropolis is the seat of an archbishop, or a principal seat of legislation or of commerce. One of the definitions given by the Century dictionary is, "The capital city or seat of government of a country, as London, Paris or Washington." Bro. White was strictly correct in calling the seat of government for Canada a metropolis.

Lodges in British Columbia 79, including five under dispensation; members 7,678, an increase of 502.

William C. Ditmars, Vancouver, Grand Master.

Dr. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The sixty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California was opened at San Francisco October 12th, 1915. Benjamin F. Bledsoe Grand Master.

The Grand Master evidently felt that he could not do the work he ought to do in one year. He said: "A single year barely suffices to enable a Grand Master to get the vision of the boundless possibilities and opportunities of Freemasonry: the whole course of his after life, inspired and actuated by that vision, should be the true test of his appreciation of the obligation cast upon him." He was appointed a judge of the United States District Court on the very day on which he was installed as Grand Master, and the duties of the two offices pressed heavily upon him. But he appears to have borne the burden and performed his duties thoroughly and well.

He had constituted thirteen lodges, and granted dispensations for the formation of seven new lodges.

He had denied a number of requests for dispensations to ballot for rejected candidates within a year, because he thought the right to cast a black ball was "a sacred right to which every conscientious Mason should be permitted to lay claim," and he would not use his office to "further any plan whereby it was sought in any way to override a black ball cast by a brother." He added: "We are concerned not merely with getting new material into the fraternity: we are deeply and vitally concerned with maintaining the utmost harmony between those who are already in it."

In answer to a question he had ruled that there was no authority in California law for the formation of a board of relief to consist of representatives from the craft lodge, chapter, commandery, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star. The brethren of the craft lodge must see to it that Masons needing relief were provided therewith to the extent of the abilities of the members. "This responsibility," he said to the enquirers, "you cannot escape nor apportion between yourselves and any other organization or organizations."

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania claims to hold perpetual jurisdiction over candidates rejected in Pennsylvania. Some persons belonging to that class went to California and were there accepted. Upon this the Grand Master of Pennsylvania issued an edict declaring that such persons must not be recognized as Masons by any lodge or brethren in Pennsylvania. M. W. Bro. Bledsoe tells us that he "was led to admonish the Grand Master of Pennsylvania that 'the Grand Lodge of California does not recognize in any degree at all your claim to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates applying within the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge. We consider a candidate who has resided for at least one year within this jurisdiction and who is in good faith a citizen of this state, available material for membership here if he possesses the requisite qualifications in other respects.'" Brother Bledsoe is undoubtedly in the right. Every Grand Lodge has power to declare the con-

ditions under which it will accept material. To say that it shall not do so is to deny its sovereignty.

The case of one McGrew, who was expelled from Masonry in Massachusetts and subsequently received by a lodge in California, has, it appears, never been officially brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge of California. M. W. Bro. Bledsoe referred the whole matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to consider and report to the Grand Lodge, "in order that justice may be done and that the good name of our fraternity in California may not be permitted to fall into disrepute." The Committee on Jurisprudence was unable to make a final report, and there will be further enquiry.

The Grand Master could not recommend recognition of the Independent National Grand Lodge of France, and no action in that direction was taken.

Bro. Bledsoe had been invited to participate in a conference for the purpose of forming a war relief association, with the design of "collecting funds for the relief of Masons, their families, their widows and orphans, many of them made destitute by the terrible ravages of war in Europe." The invitation added: "Special attention will be given to the needs of Masonic brethren in Belgium." Bro. Bledsoe was unable to attend the conference in person, and he deputed the Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Whicher, to represent him. Bro. Whicher appeared to sympathize with the objects of the association, and conditionally promised its members that California would bow to the judgment of the others, and would contribute her share of whatever might be required. The Grand Master was imbued with the same sentiments. He said to his brethren of California: "Your cause is the cause of humanity and in it I enlisted, not merely for this year, but for all the years that were to be mine." His heart was sore when he read of the suffering in Belgium, and his hand was quick to answer the cry for assistance, for he contributed generously of his means. But as Grand Master of Masons in California constraint was on him. He said:

As an individual my heart goes out to the suffering citizens of Belgium; as an individual I have contributed, and purpose in the future to contribute again, to such funds as may be collected for their assistance and benefit. As a Mason, however, and particularly as the Grand Master of the entire Masonic brotherhood of California, I feel that I am not authorized to divert any of the funds of our order to the relief of the Belgians, howsoever greatly they may be suffering and irrespective of their present actual needs; and this for the reason that to do so would, without doubt, excite adverse criticism on the part of our good German brethren, of whom we have many in California, and who, entertaining the feeling which they do that their mother country is rightfully at war with Belgium, would naturally and with reason, resent any show of preference or sympathy for the people of Belgium evidenced by such action as I have referred to above.

And that appears to be the most dreadful and the most sorrowful thing ever written in the annals of Freemasonry. Just think of it: Belgium, a strictly neutral and unoffending country, inhabited by peaceful and industrious people, was invaded by myriads of German soldiers, having no excuse, and pretending no excuse, except that Belgium was "so necessary to Germany." The Belgian cities were partially destroyed, towns were burned, art works of priceless value were ruined or carried off, factories were closed, industries ruined, the food of the people seized; unarmed, unresisting and unoffending men were lined up in hundreds and shot in order to strike terror into the people; women were outraged, children mutilated, homes burned, and whole communities, including Masons, driven out without food or shelter to perish of cold and hunger. The compassionate heart of the whole civilized world was roused by the revelations of suffering, and money flowed out like water to save if possible the remnants of the people. Especially were Masons active in the work of humanity. But Bro. Bledsoe felt that he could not ask the brethren of California to assist in saving the lives of these poor people because the hyphenated Masons of his jurisdiction wished them to die. One's sympathies go out to the Grand Master in view of the constraint put upon him. "And yet the pity of it, Iago: O Iago, the pity of it, Iago."

The excellent and full report on Correspondence is, as heretofore, by M. W. Bro. Edward H. Hart. Noting an exchange of felicitations between the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and [other Masonic and unmasonic bodies, Bro. Hart said:

In our humble judgment, these receptions of committees from other organizations, whether they be orders of the Eastern Star, commanderies of Knights Templar, or anything else of that character, are out of order; and, in our judgment, an exchange of greetings, or receptions of officers, from other bodies should be strictly limited to Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons; and the appearance on the floor of a Grand Lodge of a lady from the Eastern Star, or a representative from the so-called Grand Commandery, or any other body, even if the Grand Lodge is at ease, is out of place.

He is right, but the voice of one crying in the wilderness is not likely to get a hearing.

Lodges in California 375; members 55,341, a gain for the year of 2,162.

Albert G. Burnett, Sacramento, Grand Master.

John Whicher, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

The fifty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was opened at Denver September 21st, 1915. Charles H. Dudley Grand Master.

Bro. Dudley was called upon to deplore the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Harper M. Orahoad, who was made a Mason in 1864, and was Grand Master in 1876.

"The general condition in our jurisdiction," he said, "is good. There has been a most satisfactory increase in the membership, testifying to the interest in Masonry by those without, to the labors of the craft in advancing our welfare, and to the force of an ever-widening influence."

Three lodges had been constituted and a dispensation granted for the formation of one new lodge.

A somewhat complicated situation reported by the Grand Master was as follows: A profane petitioned a lodge for initiation, and gave a check on his bank for the fee. He was rejected; but about that time the bank failed and his check was worthless. He demanded the return of his money. The officers of the lodge declined to return it because the check was of no value. The matter was referred to the Grand Master. He decided that the Constitution required all moneys received by lodge officers to be turned into the funds of the lodge; and, as the check in question had not been so dealt with, but remained attached to the petition of the applicant, the lodge must make good the amount of the check. He was right.

In concluding, the Grand Master said:

My brethren, we cultivate the rose in our gardens, that it may bud and bloom, and its fragrance and beauty reward us for our labors. I would that we may, even more, cultivate Masonry that it may bud and bloom in our hearts and its fragrance and beauties, unfolding greater visions and pointing to the heights, return to us in happiness, inspiration and sweet content, all that we may offer in thought, word, act and deed.

A brief address was delivered by M. W. Bro. Chas. Withrow, who was Grand Master in 1866—forty-nine years earlier. In 1861, said Bro. Withrow, there were three lodges on the roll, with a total membership of 67.

The comprehensive and interesting report on Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, who always has something to say, and always says it well. Bro. Greenleaf asks:

Is there any symbolism in a burning taper, with special emphasis on "burning," or, is the light radiated therefrom its real significance? This question arose in our Grand Lodge last year in connection with the use of gas or electricity in imitation candles, and the "burning question" was decided in the affirmative.

The present writer has never known the question to be asked before. In this jurisdiction three lesser "lights" are used; but there is no requirement as to the light producer. Candles, coal-oil, gas and electricity are used at will. If we carry

the idea of the symbol back to the temple, it is reasonably certain that candles were not used. The seven-branched golden candlestick was not a candlestick but a lamp stand. And now, since we have failed to answer satisfactorily Bro. Greenleaf's question, possibly he will answer ours: Where should the three lesser lights be placed—near the altar, or near the chairs of the three principal officers of the lodge?

Lodges in Colorado 146; members 17,422, a gain of 664.

Robert M. Simons, Denver, Grand Master.

Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was opened at Hartford February 2nd, 1916. Clarence R. Austin Grand Master.-

During the year there had been one emergent communication for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of a Masonic home building. The ceremonies were performed by the Grand Master.

Bro. Austin reported peace and harmony throughout the jurisdiction. He added: "Our relations with the fraternity throughout the world are most cordial and friendly, and our prosperity and growth are extremely satisfactory and a source of pride to every member of the fraternity."

During the year one Connecticut lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, one its hundredth anniversary, and two their one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

The Grand Master called attention to the improper publicity given to lodge affairs. In some jurisdictions the names of candidates are published; and, while Connecticut had not gone so far as that, too much of what ought to be considered private business was published in the daily papers.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

Fees and dues from constituent lodges to Grand Lodge were fixed as follows: For each member of a lodge \$1.25, of which thirty-five cents to be used for defraying the expenses of Grand Lodge and ninety cents for the charity foundation; for each initiate and each affiliate in a lodge \$5, the whole to be for the charity foundation.

The city of Hartford was selected for the permanent meeting place of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. George A. Kies, the Grand Secretary, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was in his best style. From his concluding remarks we take the following very excellent and pertinent observations:

There is still a tendency in some Grand Lodges to over-legislate, although we believe this to be gradually decreasing. The trouble is, some narrow-gauge men are continually obsessed with the desire to "do something." And a little thing like the organic principles of Masonic law would never swerve them. The result is that the constituent lodges are often cheated out of some of their fundamental and proper rights. Again, these gentry often propose much "half-baked" legislation. Fortunately their Grand Lodges frequently have the sense to reject the latter.

Lodges in Connecticut 110; members 25,983, a gain for the year of 611.

Thomas McKenzie, Pawcatuck, Grand Master.

George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

CUBA.

The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba holds quarterly communications, and also annual communications, the latter several times in the year.

There are in the Island ninety-two lodges, with 5,183 members, an increase for the year of 273. Five lodges were constituted and consecrated; and dispensations were granted for the formation of

seven new lodges. The receipts for the year were \$12,452, and the expenses \$12,127.

Francisco Sanches Curbelo, Havana, Grand Master.

Carlos G. Charles, Havana, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was opened at Wilmington October 6th, 1915. William E. Valliant Grand Master.

Bro. Valliant's statement of the purpose and duty of Masonry will commend itself to most thinking men. He said:

I conceive that it is Masonry's duty to inaugurate and everywhere promulgate, its conception of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; to instill into every mind the fundamental principles of justice, humanity and fair dealing between man and man, and the adoption of the Golden Rule; to impress upon the world a new view of the sacredness and inviolability of human life, and of its infinitely greater value than property rights; and above all to work for the coming of the day when there shall be erected and established a great world tribunal for the adjudication and settlement of all international disputes, backed up not only by the public opinion and moral sentiment of the world, but by all its physical and industrial resources.

But we cannot approve of his proposal that there should be "for the world one supreme Grand Lodge." Let the Grand Lodges work together in harmony, as they are doing now; but to have a central governing body would be found impracticable.

Another suggestion of his worthy of careful thought is the following:

There is another subject to which I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge, namely, the awakening and development of more interest in the study of the fundamental principles and deep meaning of our forms and ceremonies. Have we not been paying too much attention to wholesale birth of Masons, and too little attention to their care and nourishment after they are born? Does not de-

gree working monopolize too much of the time and energy of the Worshipful Master and officers; and insufficient time and attention given to keeping alive and increasing the interest of the whole lodge, in the working of the lodge and in securing better attendance at its meetings?

Fitting reference was made to the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters of the jurisdiction—M. W. Bro. George W. Marshall, who was Grand Master in 1886 and 1887, and M. W. Bro. Enoch Moore, who presided in 1911.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master, Senior Wardens of Lodges were authorized to work the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees, and Junior Wardens were authorized to work the Entered Apprentice degree.

The Masonic home had nine inmates; and the cost of maintenance was \$3,410.90, or \$379 for each inmate.

The excellent, though brief, report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted for the Committee by M. W. Bro. Harry Jones Guthrie. From his report on Canada we take the following paragraphs:

Our good Canadian brethren, I think, would do the craft at large a positively great service if the soft pedal was placed on the report of the Grievance and Appeals Board, and the laundrying was done in the basement and kept in the bosom of the family.

I wish for a prodigality of space that I might scissor the entire report of the Board of General Purposes on the "Condition of Masonry." It is worth any Mason's time to read. Our Canadian brethren keep their Masonry tuned to a high scale of idealism.

We fully agree with the criticism in the first paragraph. It must needs be that offences come; but it is not necessary to parade them quite so extensively.

Lodges in Delaware 22; members (Master Masons) 3,541, a gain for the year of 118.

Walter W. Bacon, Wilmington, Grand Master.

Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was opened at Washington December 15th, 1915. Alexander Grant Grand Master.

Previous to that there had been two stated communications, the first on the 15th of March for the exemplification of degrees, that is a lodge of instruction, and the second on the 12th of May.

At the second stated communication a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of R. W. Bro. Robert Freke Gould was passed.

A resolution to the effect that a brother suspended for non-payment of dues might be tried for a Masonic offence by any lodge in the jurisdiction was defeated.

A resolution was adopted looking to the establishing at Washington of a university "that will represent the spirit of American Masonry in its attitude toward the churches, creeds and countries of mankind."

Steps had been taken to form an employment bureau for the purpose of bringing employers and seekers for employment nearer together and of securing positions for members of the fraternity and their dependent relatives. Grand Lodge will meet the cost up to \$1,000.

Bro. Grant had visited each lodge in the jurisdiction.

A communication was received from the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands (Spanish jurisdiction) affirming that the Philippine Masons have a right to jurisdiction in that territory, and asking that the new Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands should be declared illegitimate. No action was taken. The reasons given for refusing the request were that the Regional Grand Lodge was not an independent body, but a mere district grand lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand

Orient of Spain; that the Grand Orient of Spain is a body of the Scottish Rite; that it is doubtful if it ever established a Regional Grand Lodge in the Philippine Islands; and that the Grand Orient of Spain has invaded the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and California by establishing craft lodges there. He might have added that, even if the Regional Grand Lodge had been in existence, the islands were unoccupied territory, and the Grand Lodge of California or any other Grand Lodge had a perfect right to form new lodges there, as in fact the Grand Lodge of Scotland did. The claim of the so-called Regional Grand Lodge is absolutely untenable.

M. W. Bro. George W. Baird submitted his sixteenth report on Foreign Correspondence. Bro. Baird filled 140 pages, and there is something worth reading on every page. Under Alberta, he said that this year the thoughts of Grand Masters "seem to concentrate on relief and help of the wounded and sick."

Lodges in the District of Columbia 30; members 10,171, a gain for the year of 247.

William W. Jermane, Washington, Grand Master.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND.

A quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of England was held at London March 3rd, 1915.

The Duke of Connaught was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and he was formally proclaimed as such.

The Board of General Purposes had noted that in some instances the names of candidates were placed "by fiat of the Worshipful Master" upon lodge notices for election who had not been proposed at the immediately preceding regular meeting of the lodge. Such practices, the Board said,

were calculated to bring discredit and injury upon the fraternity, and officers of lodges were warned that they would not be tolerated.

The annual Grand Festival was held on the 28th of April, 1915. The principal business was the installation and investiture of the officers of Grand Lodge, after which the brethren dined together. The Deputy Grand Master, who presided, said that two Past Grand Wardens were present who were Grand Wardens fifty years before. They were Lord St. Aldwyn and Victor Williamson.

A quarterly communication was held September 1st, 1915. The President of the Board of General Purposes called attention to the fact that the leaders of the craft in England were well represented in the great conflict by their sons. Prince Arthur of Connaught was on the staff of Sir John French; Midshipman the Hon. Guy Russell, son of the Pro Grand Master, of the Implacable, though only seventeen, had been commended for service in action; Captain Lionel Halsey, son of the Deputy Grand Master, who had distinguished himself in the fight off Heligoland, had been promoted to be Captain of the Fleet on the Iron Duke; and the son-in-law of the Deputy Grand Master had distinguished himself at Gallipoli, where he was badly wounded. The patriotism of the leaders of the craft, all through the struggle, said Bro. Robbins, "has been proved to be more than skin deep: it is flesh and blood deep."

Members of English lodges born in enemy countries had been requested not to attend meetings of their lodges during the continuance of the war; and, after much discussion, the Board of General Purposes resolved to recommend that such brethren be exempt from payment of lodge dues during the period of their enforced separation, and also that they should not forfeit their claims upon the benevolent fund

Discussion of the whole question was continued at the quarterly communications of December 1st, 1915, and March 1st, 1916; but in the end

the whole business was settled by adoption of the report of the board.

In January the Duke of Connaught was re-elected Grand Master.

Statistics of English lodges are not given.

Sir Edward Letchworth is the Grand Secretary, and his address is Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., London.

FLORIDA.

The eighty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was opened at Jacksonville January 18th, 1916. Cephas L. Wilson Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced the death of Past Grand Master Enos Wasgate, who was born in Maine in 1820, and was Grand Master in Florida in 1876 and 1877. Bro. Wasgate was in Boston at the time of his death, and Massachusetts brethren, including Grand Master Melvin M. Johnson and Past Grand Master Dana J. Flanders, took charge of the Masonic funeral ceremonies.

During the year three lodges had been constituted and eight lodges were formed under dispensation.

A brother asked a dimit from his lodge on the ground that he had received the gift of the Holy Ghost, and he could no longer endorse Masonry because of the imperfections of his brethren. The Grand Master ruled that if the brother's only excuse was that he thought other brothers were imperfect in their deportment that he would be entitled to his dimit, if he desired it. But, on the other hand, if his objection was to Masonry itself, and he thought Masonry was not right, then he should not be granted a dimit, but charges should be preferred against him and he be given a trial for unmasonic conduct."

We should think the brother entitled to his dimit in either case.

Some of the Florida brethren had been importuned for money for a McKinley monument, or McKinley home, or McKinley birthplace, or McKinley school in Ohio. These sturdy beggars have been disavowed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, but they keep up their solicitations. M. W. Bro. Wilson said:

I ruled that it was not proper for persons or lodges in any foreign jurisdiction to apply to the lodges in this jurisdiction for contributions without first getting the permission of the Grand Master of this Grand jurisdiction.

A fine monument had been erected over the grave of Past Grand Master Long at the expense of Grand Lodge and various Masonic bodies and brethren.

A request for recognition of the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was not granted.

A sum exceeding \$30,000 had been raised for the purpose of building a Masonic Home.

As in former years M. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright submitted the report on Correspondence. Under the heading of Canada Bro. Wright said:

Throughout the entire volume we find the keynote of loyalty to the nation and to the craft, and apparent determination to push to ultimate success their efforts in behalf of the great empire of which they are a part.

Lodges in Florida 233; members 12,724, a gain for the year of 663.

James E. Crane, Tampa, Grand Master.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was

opened at Macon October 26th, 1915. N. H. Ballard Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master recalled the historic fact that Governor Oglethorpe, the founder of the colony of Georgia, was "an ardent Mason," and that many of the officers whom he had selected to assist him in the government were also Masons. "Thus, contemporaneous with the colony of Georgia, was Freemasonry introduced." Bro. Ballard added:

The little band of Masons that had gathered strength and influence for forty years was almost destroyed by the storms of the Revolution. Their charters and records had been destroyed, their membership scattered, few as they were, yet never a band more undaunted and determined that the growth of Georgia and Masonry should be co-extensive.

In 1787, in the City of Savannah, there was organized by two lodges the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M. Hear the names of the first three officers: William Stephens, Grand Master; James Jackson, Grand Senior Warden; and Sir William Houston, Grand Junior Warden, names inseparably associated with the early history of Georgia.

Nine lodges were constituted during the year, and six dispensations issued for the formation of new lodges.

The Grand Master had received "more than two thousand requests for construction of Masonic law," and he tells us that it was a pleasure to answer each.

Two charters had been arrested, and Bro. Ballard had the following sad story to tell of one case:

This arrest was made upon the direct request of the Master and Wardens of John H. Felt Lodge. They represented to me that they were unable to enforce the Masonic law of Georgia in their lodge; that although some of their members were guilty of drunkenness in the lodge room and, upon charges being preferred, pleaded guilty, that the lodge refused to administer any punishment whatever; that a number of their members were guilty of drunkenness; and that a majority of the lodge were so much in sympathy with these parties that they would not inflict any punishment whatever.

And yet Georgia is a dry state.

The meeting of Grand Lodge at Macon was coincident with the holding of the state fair at the same town, and the Committee on General Welfare recommended the Grand Master to ask that the date of holding the fair be changed so that the brethren might be able to get sufficient hotel accommodation. Failing that, the Grand Master was given power to "call the Grand Lodge at some place where no such conflict will occur."

May we call the attention of the Grand Secretary to the fact that the name of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, is R. L. Gunn?

On report of the Committee on General Welfare it was decided not to appeal to the lodges for contributions to the funds of the War Relief Association, but \$100 was granted from the funds of Grand Lodge.

The good and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence was by Bro. Charles L. Bass. Bro. Bass appears to have declined re-election, for Bro. Raymund Daniel is the new correspondent.

Lodges in Georgia 661; members 41,649, a gain for the year of 1,191.

N. H. Ballard, Brunswick, Grand Master.

W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—R. W. Bro. William Alexander Wolihin, the Grand Secretary, died at his home in Macon on the 9th of February, 1916. He was an able official and held in high esteem as a Mason and a man. His remains were interred by the officers of the Grand Lodge. We have not learned the name of his successor.

IDAHO.

The forty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was opened at Boise September 14th, 1915. Andrew Christenson Grand Master.

Three new lodges were constituted during the year.

Bro. Christenson ruled that a man employed as a steward in a hotel, having charge of the dining room, where guests were served with wine and other intoxicants, was disqualified for membership in a Masonic lodge. He also ruled that a lodge could not officiate as a lodge in laying a corner-stone on Sunday, "nor on any other day unless the Grand Lodge has charge."

In closing his address the Grand Master said.

Lest we forget I will repeat part of Brother Pike's address of last year: I cannot close my report without uttering my protest against another practice of far greater consequences and deserving of the greatest condemnation. I refer to the unmasonic habit of electioneering and log-rolling for office or other Masonic honors. Our Grand Lodge sessions have not always been free from these offensive methods, and it is not to be wondered at that some of our constituent lodges have become tarred with the same stick. To my mind it is a serious matter and it is difficult to speak of it with patience. The member who indulges in it is a Mason in name only. He certainly has not caught the spirit of the institution. Masonic honors mean much because they are freely and voluntarily bestowed as a tribute to the character and services of the recipient, but when they are secured by contributions and trades of scheming men they cease to be honors at all and become mere trappings and belongings of cunning wire pullers. This degrades the institution and robs it of its greatest glory.

On account of failing health Grand Secretary Randall felt compelled to decline re-election, and R. W. Bro. George E. Knepper was chosen in his stead. Bro. Knepper also presented his fourteenth annual report as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which is a good one.

Lodges in Idaho 67; members 4,700, an increase of nearly 300

Francis Jenkins, Moscow, Grand Master.

George E. Knepper, Boise, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The seventy-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was opened at Chicago

October 12th, 1915. Henry T. Burnap Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge "was delightfully entertained with a concert."

Notwithstanding the depressing influence of the European war, said the Grand Master, "the growth of our fraternity has not been retarded, but on the contrary it has steadily increased in numerical strength."

Of the war the Grand Master said:

There can be no doubt that the universal sentiment of the fraternity is expressed in a desire for the cessation of hostilities and in the hope that the day is not far distant when some supreme tribunal shall be empowered to settle all international disputes and the suffering and bloodshed incident to war shall be no more. Meanwhile the fraternity should, to the extent of its ability, extend material aid to those in most need of help as a result of the greatest conflict at arms that the world has ever seen.

He paid a fitting tribute to the memory of M. W. Bro. Edward Cook, who was Grand Master in 1897, and who for nearly half a century had been a prominent figure at each session of the Grand Lodge.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of twelve new lodges and thirteen lodges had been constituted and consecrated.

Among the personal appeals made to Bro. Burnap were the following:

One gentleman, who makes no claim to being a member of the fraternity, requested the Grand Master to relieve him of the annoying and undesirable attentions of a lady whom he alleged to be a member of the order of the Eastern Star.

Another man, also not a Mason, asked the Grand Master to take steps to compel a member of the fraternity to liquidate an unpaid account which he said was justly due him.

The wife of a Master Mason demanded the summary expulsion of her husband, not only from the lodge to which he belonged, but also from the so-called co-ordinate bodies, on the ground of non-support.

A gentleman, who had been twice rejected by an Illinois lodge, made a personal appeal to the Grand Master to make him a Mason "at sight," stating that he was prepared to pay for this service the "usual fee," whatever it might be.

Doubtless he will be able to deal satisfactorily with the Mason who failed to pay his account, with the brother who would not support his family, and even with the profane who wants to be in a class with Bro. Taft; but we solemnly warn him that if he undertake to repress the irrepressible sister of the Eastern Star he will find himself in no end of trouble.

In the opinion of the Grand Master the most interesting and important event of the year was the dedication of the new hospital at the Masonic home at Sullivan. The building is a magnificent structure, thoroughly equipped, and was presented to the Home by the Royal Arch Masons of the jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented as in former years, by M. W. Bro. Owen Scott, and it is an admirable paper.

In fraternal controversy with Bro. Miller, of Kansas, Bro. Scott takes exception to the granting of honorary rank in Kansas to the late Robert Freke Gould, the English Masonic historian. He thinks no Masonic body should confer upon any one rank and title to an office he never filled. We are unable to share that view. There are many men in Masonry who have never attained to high office, and who yet have rendered valuable service to the order. Bro. Gould was one of these. He was a thinker and student, not a doer of things—a writer, not an administrator. It was proper that his work should have recognition, and that recognition could be best given by means of brevet rank, as is the case in armies and in universities. It cannot be denied that the conferring of honorary rank has been carried too far, but we do not think it was carried too far in the case of Bro. Gould, who received the highest honorary rank that could

be given under the English constitution. Bro. Scott falls into error when he says of Bro. Gould that "not being of royal blood, he could not, by English precedents, be Grand Master." The Grand Lodge of England has existed for two centuries. During that time there have been three Grand Masters of royal blood in the Grand Lodge of the Moderns, one in the Ancients, and two in the United Grand Lodge of England. The first Grand Master was "Mr. George Payne."

Lodges in Illinois 837; members 139,271, a gain for the year of 7,366.

Ralph H. Wheeler, Chicago, Grand Master.

Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The ninety-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was opened at Indianapolis May 23rd, 1916. Charles P. Benedict Grand Master.

Before the formal opening of Grand Lodge the delegates assembled under the chairmanship of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Harry B. Tuthill, when some fine music was rendered and an excellent address on the Spirit of Masonry was delivered.

The Grand Master said that the affairs of the jurisdiction had made progress "in keeping with the spirit of our ancient institution." Peace and harmony prevailed, the ritualistic work had been improved, lodge officers were more alert, and "the Masonic spirit which moves us all to greater deeds and grander achievements has generally obtained."

He reported the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters: M. W. Bro. Daniel and M. W. Bro. Sidney W. Douglas. The former was elected to the Grand East in 1875, the latter in 1893.

Relations with other jurisdictions had remained cordial in every respect.

Three lodges had been constituted and dispensations were granted for the formation of four new lodges.

Many lodges had raised the initiation fee and the annual dues of members. The Grand Master said:

I commend such action and respectfully suggest to all lodges of the state to make ample provision for the larger demands of the future. No lodge should be without funds to meet the full requirements of charity and benevolence. Neither can a lodge reach the full measure of Masonic life and influence without an occasional expenditure for the benefit of the members.

Ten corner stones were laid during the year, and six Masonic halls dedicated by the Grand Master in person or by his proxy.

A committee had been appointed to take up the "study side of Masonry," and reports indicated that the project had been a success. There are many Masons who are willing to learn: there are not very many who are able to teach.

Contracts had been let for the building of a Masonic home.

In his concluding remarks the Grand Master said:

I am not fearful of the future of Masonry. Its characteristics may change to some degree, but the fundamental truths will abide. There is a slight tendency in some lodges to add the club feature, thereby emphasizing the social benefits. I would warn the Grand Lodge against such a departure. Masonry is pure gold and needs no alloy. In my opinion such additions, though based on apparent demand, will only weaken our beloved and ancient institution.

Lodges in Indiana 560; members 73,720, a gain of 3,706.

Harry B. Tuthill, Michigan City, Grand Master.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The seventy-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened at Cedar Rapids June 8th, 1915. George Wesley Walton Grand Master. Before the formal opening the brethren assembled at the opera house, where the Grand Master was formally received, and where prayer was offered, hymns sung, and speeches made. On behalf of the brethren of the local lodges an address of welcome was delivered by R. W. Bro. John W. Barry.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. Henry T. Burnap, Grand Master of Illinois, and M. W. Bro. Owen Scott, a Past Grand Master of the same jurisdiction.

In opening his address Grand Master Walton referred to the progress the craft had made in Iowa, and its usefulness to the world at large. He said: "Probably never before have men so generally realized the vital importance of Masonry as a power for enlightenment and uplifting of the national and moral life of the world as they do today." He added:

Today there are in round numbers 52,000 Masons in this state, or one out of every eight men who voted in the last campaign; surely this ought to mean steady progress and continued influence along Masonic lines, and it certainly will if the individual Mason in his own community gives a good account of himself as an upright man and the lodge in his locality gives out at all times true Masonic light. The future lies in our hands, and just in proportion as the present is improved to the utmost will the future of our organization be all that we desire.

Accompanied by Grand Secretary Parvin, he had attended the Peace Festival held at the close of the annual communication for 1914 of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Of it he said:

The occasion was a most notable one and of great benefit to all participating, leading as it did to closer fraternal relations between the two great countries of North America. The programme provided both afternoon and evening entertainment of music and oratory, in which representatives from both countries feasted, celebrated and

complimented. The thousands of Masons, with women and children, singing the national and patriotic songs, waving the flags of the two countries, was indeed an imposing sight, creating an inspiration which more deeply and firmly cemented our fraternal ties.

Bro. Walton was strong in praise of schools of instruction. He said: "I can conceive of no investment for a part of our funds that will prove more profitable to this grand body and Iowa Masonry generally, since the outlay involved would be only a nominal sum."

In company with many other Grand Masters he deplored the misuse of the black ball. He said:

One of my hardest problems has been to offer a remedy where this germ has strongly manifested itself. A few lodges now report themselves at a standstill owing to these unwholesome conditions. Another deplorable condition and too prevalent, is the unnecessary publicity given to unfavorable ballots. I fear many of our brethren soon forget their vows of secrecy. A lodge's disposition of a petition for the mysteries should be both secret and sacred, and its action, especially if unfavorable, should remain within the confines of its own walls. If these affairs could be discreetly handled as was the intent of the originators of our order, there would be less of heartache and infinitely less food for the every-ready gossips.

He also condemned in strong language the practice of smoking in lodge rooms, especially during the conferring of degrees. "Where this custom prevails," he said, "it shows weakness in the presiding officer and ignorance on the part of those so indulging."

During the year lodges throughout the state contributed \$1,728 in aid of sufferers by the war in Europe.

The brethren in Iowa are giving much attention to Masonic research. Much has already been done, though the undertaking is still in its formative stage. The committee of Grand Lodge appointed for the purpose of organizing and directing the movement proposes that effort be directed to the formation of Masonic study clubs; courses of study for individual students; classes in Masonic law; lectures on Masonic subjects before schools of

instruction; traveling libraries, and so on. The scheme is undoubtedly one of great merit, and we trust that it will be successful in Iowa and imitated elsewhere. The work of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in England has been of inestimable value to Masonic students in all parts of the world.

A grant of \$300 was made "for the widow of our deceased brother, R. F. Gould."

The excellent and very comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence is continued by M. W. Bro. Louis Block, who devotes more than three hundred pages of fine type to his subject.

Referring to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction Bro. Block pays this fine compliment to R. W. Bro. Ponton:

This committee is a most important one in this Grand Jurisdiction and is headed by the Right Worshipful W. N. Ponton, one of the greatest Masons in all Canada, who always writes a remarkably fine report, and this year his work seems better than ever. We keenly regret that our limited space will not permit us to reproduce it entire. It is a most masterly production, full of powerful appeals to the minds and hearts of his brethren.

Lodges in Iowa 523; members 51,785, a gain for the year of 2,235.

Frank S. Moses, Clinton, Grand Master.

Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was held at Dublin December 27th, 1915. The Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore, was in France, on military duty, and was unable to be present. The Deputy Grand Master, Sir Charles Cameron presided. The thoughts of the brethren were naturally turned largely in the direction of the great war. In his address Sir Charles said:

The war commenced seventeen months ago, and there appears to be no prospect of its immediate end; but what I would like to refer to is the very considerable part the

Freemasons of Ireland have taken in it. A large proportion of the population of Ireland came forward and joined the army and the navy—men of all ranks in life, but more particularly from the classes from which our order is mainly recruited and who have so numerously volunteered to serve their country in this crisis.

He added that no less than fifty-four members of his own lodge had entered the military and naval service of the country; and when we consider how few in numbers most Irish lodges are that is a wonderful record.

A war relief fund had been raised amounting to £3,505. The first contribution to the fund was received from M. W. Bro. W. B. Melish, of Ohio, who forwarded \$2,000 from the War Relief Association of the United States.

Six lodges were warranted during the year, two of them military lodges, three ordinary lodges in Ireland, and one in Bombay.

A member asked if he might legally join a lodge of "Operative" Masons. He was answered that no such body was recognized in the Irish constitution.

The following item will prove of general interest:

An application was received from St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A., from a Brother R. W. Waters for a duplicate certificate, the original having been destroyed by fire. Brother Waters was initiated in Lodge No. 3, Cork, so far back as 1859, and after an adventurous life in the United States, finds himself at the age of 85 still a subscribing and interested member of the craft.

Lodges were authorized to remit the dues of members on active service in the army or navy.

A New Zealand brother wrote to the Grand Secretary:

Unfortunately we have only four Irish lodges in New Zealand, but we are all loyal to the Irish Constitution and the P.G.L. All four are very much respected, and in good financial standing, especially Ara 348, which is generally

recognized as the premier lodge in the Dominion. It is also the first lodge established in New Zealand, and has assets to the value of £14,000 over liabilities. The English have 40 lodges, the Scotch 35, and New Zealand (the National Constitution) 201.

There are about 500 lodges under the Irish constitution in all parts of the world; number of members not known.

The Earl of Donoughmore Grand Master; Sir Charles A. Cameron, Deputy Grand Master. Lord Plunket is the Grand Secretary; but all communications should be addressed to H. E. Flavelle, Deputy Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

KANSAS.

The sixtieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was opened at Topeka February 16th, 1916. William L. Burdick Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening the representatives of the several Grand Lodges, including W. Bro. John E. Ketcheson, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, were presented to and welcomed by the Grand Master.

In opening his address M. W. Bro. Burdick said:

Masonry was planted in Kansas in 1854, but this Grand Lodge was organized at Leavenworth on March 17, 1856, having at that time three lodges working under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri; Kansas Lodge (afterwards named Wyandotte Lodge), Smithton Lodge and Leavenworth Lodge. There were at the time two other lodges working under dispensation.

There are not many jurisdictions of which it can be said that a Grand Lodge was formed two years after Masonry was established in the state.

The death was noted of M. W. Bro. David Blin Fuller, who was born in 1853, was made a Mason in 1876, and was Grand Master in 1892. Another loss was that of R. W. Bro. Erasmus T.

Carr, who was nearly ninety years of age at the time of his death. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas from 1861 till 1871.

Five lodges were constituted during the year, and a dispensation was granted for the formation of one new lodge.

Of the Masonic home, the Grand Master said:

The monument to Kansas Masonry stands in the city of Wichita. I refer, of course, to the Kansas Masonic home. For twenty years this practical evidence of Masonic brotherly love has been quietly and unostentatiously translating into action our ideals of fraternal sympathy and relief. Its cause is near and dear to our hearts, and in its work we all take an individual pride.

There were 99 inmates of the home, and the chief source of revenue is an assessment of fifty cents each upon the brethren throughout the jurisdiction, though there is a large endowment fund, which is steadily growing.

In the conclusion of Bro. Burdick's address is a paragraph which, though somewhat long for our purpose, is so good that we feel we must find space for it:

If your notion of Masonry is that it is a brotherhood of sincere, loyal, earnest men who believe in the universal fatherhood of God, in truth, and in brotherly love, beliefs held not as mere sentiments, but translated into deeds of loyalty, charity, kindness, sympathy, helpfulness and forgiveness; if your notion of Masonry is that its very first lesson is to be good and true; if your notion of Masonry is that its highest desire is to promote the true happiness of man, to enlarge his nobility, to cultivate his manhood; if your notion of Masonry is that its highest mission is to recognize the universal Deity and to do good to all; if your notion of Masonry is that by means of its great and eternal lights it would direct mankind to higher and better things, and that it is founded and established upon the broad, universal, ethical principles that pervade all true religion, that in its temples the children of every faith may gather, the Pagan, the Christian, and the Jew, each possessing his differences in opinion, yet all possessing a unity in life and in love; if *these* be your views of Masonry, then "grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel," for they are the eternal verities of our order.

M. W. Bro. Matthew M. Miller presented his fourteenth report on Foreign Correspondence, which

as always, was good. In his report upon Canada he said:

We regret that we cannot by liberal excerpts do better justice to the exceptionally splendid address of Grand Master W. D. McPherson. We do not recall one more eloquently patriotic, and we can well understand the strong grip he had upon the loyal and patriotic emotions of his hearers.

In his concluding remarks he said:

In the presence of an overpowering horror, all mankind are drawn together, and get together, dropping their wisp-like ties of race or tongue. There were few enquiries as to the legitimacy of Belgian Masonry among those crowding and eager to send their contributions of food to hungry and desolated Belgium; it was sufficient alone to know that there was dire distress, and all pressed forward in desire to be helpers, recording their faith and concurrence in that broadest of creeds:

God hath made mankind
One mighty brotherhood.
Himself their Master,
And the world His lodge.

Lodges in Kansas 412; members 44,062, a gain for the year of 1,650.

Giles H. Lamb, Yates Center, Grand Master.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The one hundred and fifteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was opened at Louisville October 19th, 1915. George B. Winslow Grand Master.

Announcement was made of the death of M. W. Bro. Warren Larue Thomas, who died at Tucson, Arizona, on the 24th of November, 1914, and was buried at Danville, Kentucky. The Masonic ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master.

Bro. Winslow recommended a grant to the George Washington Memorial Association, and Grand Lodge decided that the grant should be \$3,000, payable in three annual installments.

On the same recommendation \$1,000 was granted to the Masonic War Relief Association.

The Grand Master had refused a dispensation to a lodge to appear as a lodge in a procession to welcome a "home-coming" of certain persons. He said: "Dispensations to go out on mere show occasions are not to be encouraged."

He had nothing but satisfactory reports to make of the condition of the craft in Kentucky. "We now have," he said, "590 chartered lodges, four others working under dispensation, and a total membership of 43,387, being an increase for the year of 1,248."

A member of a Kentucky lodge lived in Texas. For some offence not stated the Texas lodge within whose jurisdiction he resided expelled him from the order. The Kentucky authorities do not appear to have questioned the reasonableness of the expulsion, but they affirmed that the Texas lodge had no jurisdiction in the case. The Masonic law of Kentucky permits the discipline of Kentucky Masons when residing in other jurisdictions if the other jurisdictions grant Kentucky a like privilege. Texas does not give that privilege; hence the Grand Master of Kentucky ruled that the expulsion was of no effect, and that the offender was still a member in good standing of his Kentucky lodge.

Bro. Winslow had given a good deal of time and study to conditions at the Masonic home, and was not at all satisfied with what he found there. The home itself was all right, and the management was good; but many lodges in the state failed to pay their share for the support of the institution. And those very lodges which failed to contribute money were foremost in complaining of the management of the home. The proper way to support the benevolence of a Grand Lodge, whether by means of a home or through individual grants, is to levy an assessment on all the lodges in proportion to their membership.

An unpleasant episode was a controversy be-

tween the board of the Masonic home and the editors of the Masonic Home Journal, the official organ of Grand Lodge. The editors had started a political and religious controversy, and the board put a stop to it. The Grand Master was a member of the board, and a lodge, of which the editors were members, demanded to know by what right the board had interfered. After some controversy the Grand Master suspended the warrant of the lodge. At the annual communication Grand Lodge approved the action of the Grand Master; but the lodge will have its warrant returned if it makes due submission.

The excellent and readable report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. William W. Clarke Of M. W. Bro. MacPherson's address at the annual communication of 1914 Bro. Clarke says:

The interesting address of the Grand Master is characterized by a diction so delightful as to make its reading a positive pleasure, aside from the information which it contains.

Lodges in Kentucky 594, including five under dispensation; members 43,387, a gain of 1,248.

T. J. Adams, Louisville, Grand Master.

Dave Jackson, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was opened at New Orleans February 7th, 1916, R. W. Bro. B. B. Purser, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, presiding.

It was the sad duty of the Deputy Grand Master, in opening his address, to announce the death of M. W. Bro. Alfred Walter Cheesman, who had been elected Grand Master in the previous February, and who died on the 30th September, 1915.

Another loss, severely felt, was that of R. W. Bro. Richard Lambert, who, for many years was

Grand Secretary, and who, only at the annual communication of 1915, requested to be retired. The office of Grand Secretary emeritus was specially created for him. He had been in the Grand Secretary's office for forty years. He was eighty-seven years old at the time of his death, and had been a Mason fifty-seven years.

Of the state of the order in Louisiana Bro. Purser said:

We have during the past several years rapidly increased in membership. We have progressed in the knowledge of the arts and sciences taught by our profession, as well as in the deeper and finer knowledge of its true principles. Such deficiencies as may be found are due to the fact that the body of Masonry has grown so rapidly that the craft in general has not fully assimilated the new material. Viewing the situation in its entirety, I feel we have much cause for congratulation and little for disappointment.

He had ruled that a brother who had not served a full term as Warden was eligible to the office of Worshipful Master; and that a Fellowcraft who had been rejected for advancement might sit in lodge when open in the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft degree.

On the question of jurisdiction he said:

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has announced the doctrine that it neither claims jurisdiction over rejected material who have acquired domiciles in other states, nor does it recognize the claim of perpetual or limited jurisdiction by such other grand jurisdictions over rejected material acquiring legal domiciles in Louisiana.

Bro. Purser had not the objection to the black ball that so many brethren have and thought it one of the great safeguards of the craft. He said: "In my experience I find that I have made mistakes in voting favorably, but I do not recall an instance where I regretted an unfavorable ballot." He added:

I do not believe that the black ball is used for petty spite or for revenge, but I believe in the general conscientiousness of the craft, and I feel that rejections, when made, are proper, whether the membership at large ever learns the reason why or not.

Unfortunately, however, factions exist in some lodges, and members of one faction blackball candidates proposed by members of the other faction. Again, brethren who fail to attain to offices to which they aspire blackball all candidates through spite.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan, chairman, submitted a brief but good report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges in Louisiana 229, including three under dispensation; members 17,768, a gain of 883.

Brittain B. Purser, Amite, Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The ninety-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was opened at Portland May 4th, 1915. Thomas H. Bodge Grand Master.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the peace and harmony which had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the year, and he said: "Our growth has been steady and healthy, and probably as great as is desirable, the net gain for the year being 590."

Three Past Grand Masters had died during the year—M. W. Bro. Charles L. Collamore, who was Grand Master in 1879 and 1880; M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Spofford, Grand Master in 1912 and 1913; and M. W. Bro. Alfred S. Kimball, Grand Master in 1902 and 1903.

The rulings made by Bro. Bodge were of local interest only.

Two lodges had been constituted.

Referring to the suffering caused by the war in Europe the Grand Master said: "Active relief measures have been taken and are being carried forward all over the land, and Maine has been doing her full share. Foremost upon the committees

are Masons, and the most prompt and liberal contributors are members of our fraternity."

In Maine, as elsewhere, Masons are bearing a double burden: as Masons they contribute to Masonic funds for the relief of the suffering, and as citizens they contribute to general funds; further, as Bro. Bodge says, they are foremost in the activities of benevolence. When the campaign to raise money for the patriotic fund was in progress in this city, the writer had occasion to go to the committee rooms, where the promoters of the fund were at work. With a single exception all the men in the room were Masons. Not only do Masons give, and give ungrudgingly, and give doubly, when sorrow cries for help, but they are foremost in the activities of benevolence. The reason is that Masons are educated to do the work of mercy.

Of the condition of the craft throughout the jurisdiction the Grand Master said: "The reports of the District Deputies encourage us to think our work is in a prosperous condition in nearly every section."

Past Grand Master Henry R. Taylor, in sending an apology for non-attendance after fifty-two visits to Grand Lodge, said:

Pardon me if I add, fifty-two times to attend the Grand Lodge sessions I have journeyed by stage coach, steamboat and railroad, the intervening 220 miles between Machias and Portland, which (including return) amounts to 22,880 miles.

Nor was he alone among the faithfuls. R. W. Bro. Stephen Berry, the Grand Secretary, in his report said:

This is the 60th annual communication at which I have occupied this desk. Not one of those present in 1856 is left for me to congratulate, but the ever changing representation keeps the Grand Lodge always young and vigorous despite its near approach to a century of existence, and I congratulate you all on that youth and vigor.

M. W. Bro. Albion E. Chase, chairman, presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. Quoting our remarks of 1914 anent the

National and Independent Grand Lodge of France, Bro. Chase asks: "But is it really and truly so?" Well, at present there are only three lodges in that fold. But let us wait till this cruel war is over, and then we shall see.

Lodges in Maine 295; members 30,884, an increase of 590.

Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Grand Master.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.

The fortieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was opened at Winnipeg June 9th, 1915. Lynds S. Vaughan Grand Master.

Bro. Vaughan pointed out that "nearly or quite twenty per cent. of the overseas forces (from Manitoba, no doubt) are Masons." As there are only 7,242 Masons in Manitoba out of a population of 500,000, this is a very good showing.

In answer to an appeal from the Grand Master the lodges throughout the jurisdiction had contributed the very liberal amount of nearly \$5,000 in aid of the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital.

The loss by death was deplored of M. W. Bro. John Leslie, who was Grand Master in 1889.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that no grievances had been reported to the committee, and there were no appeals from the decisions of any of the lodges.

On report of the Committee of Foreign Relations and Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized and an exchange of representatives authorized.

M. W. Bros. Edward M. Walker and James A. Ovas were delegated to attend the peace festival in this jurisdiction in 1914, and they reported that the ceremonies were impressive and enjoyable. In their report they added:

Little did they think that soon they would be startled by the eruption of the greatest military volcano that the world has ever known; an eruption that would reveal to the world the British Empire (not as a number of disaffected peoples), but, on the contrary, as a great federation, loyal in all its parts and ready to go down in death, if need be, in vindication of Britain's honor.

We venture the statement that if Freemasonry emulate the example of the soldier-sons of the Empire and her Allies by standing throughout the world a federated unit, it would be a greater factor than it is today in moulding public sentiment. If in unity there is strength, it may be well for Freemasonry to purge itself of disaffections and to become, in fact as in theory, a united Brotherhood.

St. John's Lodge, No. 4, with 441 members, had thirty men on active service on the Canadian expeditionary force. And most of us will say: All honor to St. John's Lodge, No. 4.

There was no report on the doings of sister Grand Lodges.

Lodges in Manitoba 76, including two under dispensation; members 7,242, a gain for the year of 313.

William Fenwick, Brandon, Grand Master.

James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was opened at Baltimore May 11th, 1915. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master.

The Committee of Grievance reported that no appeals or cases of grievance had been reported within the six months.

The Board of Grand Inspection reported that the lodges in the jurisdiction were all in good condition, and a continued improvement in the work of conferring the degrees was evident.

Announcement was made of the death of M. W. Bro. John Merrikan Carter, who was Grand Master in 1878-1879.

The annual communication was held at Baltimore November 16th, 1915. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master.

A resolution was offered that "Maryland shall have a Masonic home," but it was unanimously rejected.

Again for six months no grievance had been reported to the Committee on Grievance.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

R. W. Bro. Henry Branch continued the report on Correspondence with his accustomed ability. Reporting the laying of a corner stone in Arkansas, and noting that a copy of the New Testament was one of the articles put into the cavity of the stone, Bro. Branch asked:

What real value has the New Testament apart from the Old? It is not one volume of a set, in which each treats of a separate or special subject. The New Testament has no value at all apart from the old, and for a lodge to cut the scriptures in two and use the only part that has no significance to the Hebrews looks like an anachronism.

To which it may be replied that in all probability the lodge had nothing to do with the deposit. The building was to be a house of worship for a Christian church, and no doubt the church officials selected the articles to be placed in the corner stone. The officiating Grand Master probably gave the matter no thought at all.

Lodges in Maryland 116; members 17,135, a gain for the year of 648.

Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, Grand Master.

George Cook, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Boston March 10th, 1915. Melvin M. Johnson Grand Master.

Massachusetts has not indulged in the luxury of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Grand Master Johnson did not recommend that such a committee should be established, but he asked the Committee on the Grand Master's address to consider the matter. The committee considered it, reported adversely, and Grand Lodge adopted the report.

The death was announced of R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Davis, the Grand Secretary, who was a tower of strength to Massachusetts Masonry.

The second quarterly communication was opened at Boston June 9th, 1915. Melvin M. Johnson Grand Master.

The death was announced of M. W. Bro. Charles Carroll Hutchinson, who was Grand Master in 1896-1899.

The Grand Master reported that he had created Masonic districts under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts in China and Chile and had appointed District Grand Masters in each country.

An application was received for recognition of the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France. On adverse report of a special committee, of which M. W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher was chairman, the application was denied. Bro. Gallagher is an able writer, a clear and logical thinker, and a painstaking investigator. His reasons against recognition of the new Grand Lodge are two: (1) the body is an emigration from the Grand Lodge of France, which failed to secure recognition from Massachusetts on the ground of illegitimacy, and legitimacy cannot come out of illegitimacy; (2) it has only three lodges with about 120 members. If the first reason is good it should be good against the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

If the second reason is good it should be good against the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, which had but three lodges at the start.

The third quarterly communication was held at Boston September 8th, 1915.

The question of physical qualification had come before the Grand Master. He had declined officially to rule in particular cases, but had stated the law of the jurisdiction and asked the ruling Masters to decide for themselves whether or not the candidates could meet the requirements of the law. The Massachusetts constitution says:

If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount to an inability to meet the requirements of the ritual, and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation.

The fourth quarterly communication was held at Boston December 8th, 1915.

An interesting incident of this meeting was the reception of W. Bro. Daniel Hollinger, who was born on the 15th of September, 1815 and was one hundred years and two months of age. He was made a Mason in 1838, and consequently had been a member of the craft seventy-seven years. On the 28th of December Bro. Hollinger passed to his reward.

So far as Massachusetts is concerned, the McGrew affair is ended. McGrew was expelled from Masonry in Massachusetts; he moved to California, and, after some years, petitioned Massachusetts for restoration; Massachusetts refused to restore him, but, in order to make the refusal less harsh and to leave him free to petition again, it "gave him leave to withdraw," that is to withdraw his petition. Notice of this leave to withdraw was presented to a California lodge, by it accepted as an equivalent to a demit, and McGrew was accepted as a joining brother. Massachusetts protested against the acceptance of its expelled material; California delayed an explicit reply; and the situation became very unpleasant. At length McGrew petitioned

again, and Massachusetts restored the offender. On that very day Mr. McGrew died. And so an incident which threatened unpleasantness is closed.

Massachusetts stoutly asserts that it had the first Provincial Grand Lodge in America, and seems to make out a good case. To this Virginia replied that the Old Dominion had the first real Grand Lodge, which was formed in 1778. Not at all, says Grand Master Johnson, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed on the 8th of March, 1777. And in the language of the Massachusetts poet, "*Dies erit prae gelida sinistra quum Bostonia.*"

The Education and Charity Fund of Massachusetts amounts to \$717,690, and the income derived from it last year amounted to \$27,880. This is wholly separate from the Temple and Masonic Home funds, which amount to some millions of dollars.

The number of inmates of the Masonic Home was fifty: the cost of maintenance was \$386.02 per inmate, based on a year's residence. In our report for last year the statement was made that the cost of maintenance for 1914 was \$572.90 for each inmate. This was an error: the figures were those for 1913, and the correct figures for 1914 were \$393.27.

A stated communication for the installation of officers was held at Boston on the 28th of December, 1915, when M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, who had been re-elected, was duly installed, and the other officers invested.

At the grand feast which followed M. W. Bro. Johnson delivered a very valuable and instructive address. In the course of that address he asked where the framers of the constitution of the United States found the ideas on which that document was based. The mother country, he said, had no written constitution, and he continued, "Whence came, then, the idea of a written document comprehensively setting forth the powers and purposes of government?" His answer is that near-

ly all the framers of the constitution were Masons, and that they derived their ideas of government from the Constitutions of Freemasons compiled by Anderson and republished in Philadelphia in 1734 by Benjamin Franklin. And right there we take issue with Bro. Johnson. The framers of the constitution of the United States based their work upon the English law, especially as formulated in the Declaration of Rights and the Bill of Rights, passed in 1689. They followed their model with remarkable fidelity, not only taking the principles of the Bill of Rights, but, to a considerable extent, adopting its phraseology. There is no provision in the Constitution of the United States guarding the liberty of the people, securing their personal rights, and giving them the ultimate power of making the laws, which was not at least a hundred years old in England at the time. For the Bill of Rights established nothing new: it simply put into writing that which was the law of the land.

Lodges in Massachusetts 251; members 70,254, a gain of 2,353.

Melvin M. Johnson, Boston, Grand Master.

Frederick W. Hamilton, Cambridge, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The seventy-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was opened at Bay City May 25th, 1915. William M. Perrett Grand Master.

Addresses of welcome were made by W. Bro. R. L. King, on behalf of the city lodges, and by Mayor Kelton on behalf of the citizens of Bay City.

Past Grand Master William T. Mitchell wrote regretting his inability to be present at the meeting. He said: "Next Thursday, May 27th, I shall pass my ninety-eighth birthday, barring a stoppage of breathing in the short time to elapse, and many men have been known to die in less time."

Bro. Perrett started in office as Grand Master with the idea that he was called upon to do his duty. He said: "We spend our time, many of us at least, in looking for great things to do, while we neglect the little duties with which we meet in the daily round." It is evident that he did not neglect the little things.

He had constituted and consecrated four lodges and had issued dispensations for the formation of four new lodges.

"Our Masonic Home at Alma," he said, "is tenderly and intelligently nurtured by capable hands. Our aged brethren and their wives and widows are sheltered in a peaceful haven as the evening shadows gather near." The weekly cost of maintaining an inmate of the home was \$5.61; but, as each lodge having a member in the home paid a dollar per week, the net cost to the management was reduced to \$4.61.

He was glad to note that lodge officers throughout the jurisdiction showed increased inclination to perfect their knowledge of Masonic law, and that application to the Grand Master for decisions which could be found in the constitution were decreasing. "This," he said, "is as it should be, and greatly reduces the correspondence of the Grand Master, which at best is voluminous."

He had received an invitation to attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada at Niagara Falls, but, because of illness, he was unable to attend, and asked M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor to take his place. Bro. Winsor reported to the Grand Master, but his report does not appear in the volume of proceedings. He received a facsimile copy of a resolution passed by The Barton Lodge, Hamilton, in 1800, ordering the lodge to be put in mourning for the death of George Washington.

A resolution was adopted establishing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and authorizing an exchange of representatives.

There are six lodges in Michigan (all in Detroit) having a membership exceeding one thousand each. At the head stands Palestine Lodge, with 2,184 members. It is a pity that lodges should be so big, for each member of each lodge ought to be personally acquainted with each other member; but the evil has taken root in our western soil, and cannot be eradicated.

The volume of Proceedings is adorned with many illustrations of Masonic temples in Michigan, some of them apparently very fine structures.

The very full, comprehensive and excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was again submitted by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, who, in obedience to the desire of the Grand Lodge, omits all criticism and personal comment. In the report on Canada he said that he had found R. W. Bro. Ponton's report on the Condition of Masonry so excellent that he decided to "curtail the review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in other respects and give our readers the benefit, as we have no doubt it will prove as interesting to them to read, as it was to us to listen to its delivery, and it would seem to us somewhat sacrilegious to cut out any part of it."

Lodges in Michigan 431; members 78,857. a gain for the year of 3,893.

George L. Lusk, Bay City, Grand Master.

Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The sixty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was opened at St. Paul January 19th, 1916. Harry M. Burnham Grand Master.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the wise and conservative counsels which had aided their efforts in the cause of Masonry, upon

the high position which the Grand Lodge of Minnesota had taken in the Masonic world, and upon the fact that the country was at peace with the whole world.

He had constituted three lodges during the year, three remained under dispensation, and dispensations had been granted for the formation of two new lodges.

He regretted to say that in only one district had a lodge of instruction been held.

Some years ago the Grand Lodge resolved to establish a Masonic home in Minnesota, but agreed that the work of building should not be commenced until a fund of \$100,000 should be raised. Bro. Burnham strongly urged greater activity in raising the money. He said: "It seems to me proper that each of the 30,000 Masons in this state should give something, no matter how small, towards this great project of providing a suitable home for those who need our care and assistance." A sum of \$110,000 is in the Widows and Orphans Fund now, but we do not understand that it is available for the proposed home.

Lodges in Duluth proposed an amendment of the constitution by having Masonic trials in lodges conducted before juries selected by lot from the members of the lodges. On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Grand Lodge decided that trials must be decided by all the members of the lodge. Which appears to be a wise conclusion.

Bro. Irving Todd continued the report on Foreign Correspondence with his accustomed ability and brevity.

There is an interesting report of the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota.

Lodges in Minnesota 260; members 31,903, a gain for the year of 1,461.

Alfred G. Pinkham, St. Paul, Grand Master.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The ninety-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was opened at Greenville February 15th, 1916. Jesse M. Brooks Grand Master.

Before the formal opening there was a public reception at the Grand Opera House, where all sorts and conditions of men and women were assembled, and where addresses of welcome were delivered and music rendered.

In an address of welcome on behalf of the local brethren, Bro. C. H. West said that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was organized in the city of Natchez in 1818, the year following the admission of Mississippi as a state of the union.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge the Grand Master delivered his address. He said that the year just ended had been a fairly prosperous one for the craft in Mississippi. While there had been no phenomenal growth in numbers an unusual degree of harmony had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

He noted the loss by death of M. W. Bro. John Y. Murray, who was Grand Master in 1877 and 1878; also of M. W. Bro. Allen Hicks, who for long, faithful and effective service had been made honorary Grand Master.

An exchange of representatives had been made with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

During the year five lodges had been constituted, and dispensations had been granted for the formation of five new lodges.

The following announcement has a strange appearance:

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master refused to grant a dispensation to form a new lodge at New Haven, in Choctaw County, for the reason that New Haven is not an incorporated town and therefore the dispensation could not be granted by the Grand Master.

On report of the Law Committee the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That no Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction may affiliate with, or hold Masonic intercourse with any Mason of any other grand jurisdiction who is an affiliate of a subordinate lodge in such grand jurisdiction, among the membership of which subordinate lodge there are negroes or a negro.

It is not at all certain how that will be received by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Doubtless it was intended as an offer of the olive branch.

M. W. Bro. Harry Howard continues the Foreign Correspondence. Mississippi has a Masonic home; but Bro. Howard copies, and apparently approves of the following:

From a careful study of the proceedings of all the English-speaking Grand Lodges for the last five years I have reached the conclusion—concurred in by a large number of my brother reviewers—that a Masonic home is by far the most expensive way of dispensing Masonic relief. In many jurisdictions the money spent for salary of superintendent and assistants is considerably more than that expended for the board, clothing and medical attendance of the inmates. The per capita cost of inmates in a Masonic home runs all the way from a hundred and twenty dollars to three hundred and twenty-seven dollars in the different jurisdictions, and this does not include interest on the money invested in brick and mortar.

Lodges in Mississippi 376; members 20,334, a gain of 261.

George Boyd Power, Jackson, Grand Master.

Frederic Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The ninety-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was opened at St. Louis September 28th, 1915. Tolman W. Cotton Grand Master.

We seldom make extracts from prayers offered by Grand Chaplains, because, like Tennyson's Northern Farmer, we assume that the parson says

what we ought to have said; but the following extract from the opening petition of the Missouri Grand Chaplain has so truly a Masonic and catholic ring to it that we shall be pardoned for reproducing it:

Let the day soon come, O merciful Redeemer of mankind, when righteousness will prevail among all men, and when justice will rule supreme in all lands, when thy law will be obeyed by all who govern and by all who are governed, when every man will have his right and due, whether ruler or ruled, rich or poor, educated or illiterate, saint or sinner.

The Mayor of St. Louis welcomed Grand Lodge in a fitting address, in the course of which he absolutely scoffed at the notion that Cleveland had a bigger population than St. Louis, a notion which would have made Old Bullion turn in his grave.

From the opening of the Grand Master's address we learn that Masonry in Missouri is in a flourishing condition. He said:

The year 1914-1915 has shown an increase in membership in the state of 2,444. Considering disturbed financial conditions, with drouth last season and floods this, the increase is indicative of decided activity among the lodges, and numerical strength; but a more significant report and coming from nearly every district, is that a marked improvement has been made in the moral fiber of the membership, a better understanding of the principles of Freemasonry and a more faithful observance of its teachings. It is Masonically important for us to remember that quality means more than quantity.

Bro. Cotton is very proud of the Masonic home, and especially proud of the fact that every lodge in the jurisdiction had paid its special assessment for improvements and enlargement of the institution. He said:

This haven for the homeless, the helpless and the sick is such a magnificent institution that we can understand the sentiment thus expressed: "The sun kisses the home in pity for its unfortunate inmates; and because of the work done in that institution, particularly in the hospital, caring for the hopelessly ill and distressed, there will be by the angels with the golden harps, a little sweeter refrain of 'Peace on earth and good-will to men' than the shepherds heard."

A special appeal had been sent out to the lodges on behalf of the home, and the result was truly magnificent. The lodges throughout the jurisdiction sent in \$92,259, and \$7,311 had been received from other sources, making a total of \$99,570.

The Grand Master had ruled that "a suspended Mason against whom charges have been preferred has a right to be present at his trial"; that the fact that a man is a Roman Catholic does not justify a Masonic lodge in refusing him a courtesy that would be shown to anyone else, such as thanking him for a favor; and that a brother from another jurisdiction whose dues are not in arrear according to the law of his own Grand Lodge may be received as a visitor by a lodge in Missouri.

A resolution was adopted providing for an employment bureau in cities having twenty or more lodges, the expense to be defrayed by an assessment upon the lodges in such city.

The very full and excellent report on Fraternal Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. the Rev. C. C. Woods. Bro. Woods adheres to his opinion that the pretension of some Grand Lodges to perpetual jurisdiction "constitutes a menace to the harmony of the Grand Lodges of the United States." He says:

If Missouri makes a Mason, according to her law, of one who has been rejected in a Grand Lodge holding perpetual jurisdiction, and that member is not permitted to visit in that jurisdiction, it seems to us that it would constitute a *casus belli*—an occasion of affront, which could not be lightly passed over by our Grand Lodge. Brother Freed agrees with us, however, that "the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction has no good reason behind it, and will doubtless soon be abandoned."

We fully agree with the main contention of Bro. Woods that the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is not based upon equity, upon Masonic comity nor upon ancient Masonic law. An actual case in point is this: a candidate was rejected in one grand jurisdiction because he had lost one joint from a finger on his left hand. In most jurisdic-

tions that is not a sufficient cause for rejection. The original English constitution provided that a candidate should be a "perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his master's lord." The loss mentioned does not render the candidate "incapable" of serving his master's lord, that is of complying literally with all the requirements of our Masonic ceremonies. But he was rejected. In course of time he removed to another jurisdiction, and, after living there more than a year, was accepted by a local lodge and received the degrees of craft Masonry. Whereupon an edict was issued by the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which that brother was originally rejected pronouncing that in that state he was not to be accepted as a joining brother, received as a visitor, nor enjoy any of the privileges of Masonry.

Never was heard such a terrible curse;
But, what gave rise to no little surprise,
Nobody seemed one penny the worse.

Perhaps we should not say that, for the young craftsman must have received a shock which lowered his ideal of Masonry, and the Grand Lodge in question distinctly lowered itself in the eyes of the Masonic world.

But it does not follow that the incident is a *casus belli*. The Grand Lodge in question is a sovereign and independent Masonic power. It has an undoubted right to declare the conditions under which it will accept candidates or receive visitors in its lodges. If it choose to say that a man who has a cast in his eye or an ingrowing toenail must not be made a Mason within its jurisdiction who is to say it nay? There can be no hard and fast rule of physical qualification.

While we hold that practices and pretensions such as these constitute a practical denial of the sovereignty of other Masonic Grand Lodges, and are out of keeping with Masonic comity, they do not constitute a cause for quarrel. Still, let us hope that the Grand Lodge jurisdictions which have so

little charity will in due time learn that extreme pretension is inconsistent with Masonic teaching, and that Masonry is not bounded by state lines.

Lodges in Missouri 639; members 63,966, a gain for the year of 2,269.

Frank R. Jesse, St. Louis, Grand Master.

John R. Parson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

The fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was opened at Great Falls September 15th, 1915. Lewis A. Smith Grand Master. He assured the brethren that Masonry in Montana was prospering and fulfilling its mission, and he added that he was "happy to say that every morning when we awake we can thank the Great Ruler of the Universe that we are living in the best part of the best country on earth, and that we have as our neighbors and friends, the highest type of citizens that the sun ever smiled upon, and here, at least, we are at peace, and were it not for the sorrow we feel for our distressed brethren across the sea, we could truly say, there is not a cloud to darken our horizon."

A Worshipful Master of a newly-warranted lodge had been regularly installed, and was elected by his brethren to a second term. The Grand Master was asked if it was necessary to install him a second time. He ruled that it was not necessary; but the Jurisprudence Committee reported in favor of the second installation, and the report was adopted by Grand Lodge. We think that in most Grand Jurisdictions a second installation is not required. It is true enough that the Montana constitution says "all officers must be installed on the evening of election or as soon thereafter as convenient." This, however, should be taken in its general and not the particular sense. An officer of a lodge is supposed to hold office until his successor is elected and installed in his stead.

Bro. Smith had received a form of prayer for peace sent out by M. W. Bro. Freifield, Grand Master of Masons in New York; and also a form of protest to the warring nations to end the war. He was of opinion that neither the prayer nor the protest would avail much. "However," he said, "if any of our constituent lodges are of a different opinion on this subject, there is yet time for both prayer and protest." It is to be noted that the prayers and protests were not heard when the Germanic powers were so earnestly bent on war, and the entente powers were so vainly striving to preserve the peace.

The lodges throughout the jurisdiction had raised a fund for the relief of sufferers by the war amounting to \$857.30.

Bro. Robert Vickers, who was eighty-five years old, and had been a regular attendant at the communications of Grand Lodge for thirty-six years, and Bro. How, the Grand Tyler, who had been a Mason more than fifty years, were received and congratulated by the Grand Master.

The excellent and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner. Bro. Hepner thinks the report on the Condition of Masonry presented to the Grand Lodge of Canada by R. W. Bro. Ponton "is as good as any oration we have ever run across." From his concluding remarks we copy the following:

Peaceful and steady has been Masonry's progress during the past year.

Concrete expressions of human love and affection in the relief of our needy brethren abound throughout Masonry's realm, and the only differences arise in the glorious contentions of who can best serve. Whether Masonic charity is dispensed through loving homes and asylums for the aged, widowed and orphaned, or through individual aid at homes of relatives or friends, it is the loving deed and purpose that counts more than the mere form of its expression.

Mere ritualism has been relegated to its proper place as performing its small though useful and needful function in the great organism of the Masonic body.

The retarded growth of the Masonic mind of the multitude of its votaries has been stimulated into active performance of its proper functions.

Masonry is now studied to an extent it has never been studied before; its traditions, legends, symbolism, history, achievements and possibilities are receiving minutest and exhaustless research and thought of its grey haired veterans and youngest apprentices.

Lodges in Montana 104, including nine under dispensation; members 8,981, a gain of 753.

Dr. W. H. Allen, Joliet, Grand Master.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The fifty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was opened at Omaha June 8th, 1915. Thomas M. Davis, Grand Master. We are told that, "in accordance with the law, a lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form."

The Grand Master congratulated his brethren on the fact that the year then closed had been one of unexcelled prosperity. Deploring the destructive war in Europe, he said:

Gradually—we devoutly trust and pray—a new order of humanity is being ushered into the world, and may the morning soon dawn when every land, from occident to orient, from pole to pole, from mountain to shore, and from shore to the farthest island of the sounding sea, shall feel glad sunshine of freedom with brotherly love to all mankind and every heart render service to the wise and beneficent Author of our existence; the sword be converted into the pruning hook, the dark cloud now resting on the human landscape be soon parted, and through the rift the patches of blue sky and the glintings of eternal and everlasting peace may be seen.

He lamented the loss by death of no less than four Past Grand Masters, who, he said, "were all pioneers in the upbuilding of Masonry and of this grand jurisdiction." They were Harry Porter Deuel, Grand Master 1869-1871; Martin Dunham, 1873-1874; George Bell France, 1888-1889; and John Jackson Mercer, 1889-1890.

Bro. Davis had received an invitation to attend the peace festival at Niagara Falls; but was unable to go, and M. W. Bro. Henry H. Wilson was appointed to represent him. Bro. Wilson was pleased with the celebration and with his reception by the Grand Master of Canada, and reported of the celebration in glowing terms.

The Grand Master had visited the Masonic home several times, and was pleased with what he saw there. The inmates appeared to be happy and contented, and Bro. Davis came to the conclusion that everything possible was being done for the brethren, the widows and the orphans who were residents of the home. Plans were under way for the erection of a separate home for children.

A number of rulings had been made during the year, the only one of general interest being that the Grand Lodge could not lay a corner-stone on Sunday.

Dispensations had been issued for the formation of five new lodges.

The Grand Master recommended a general law fixing a time when dues in subordinate lodges should become payable, and a time at which members not paying should become delinquent. We do not find that action respecting it was taken.

Bro. Davis had evidently been a busy man in the interest of the craft. He said: "I have not given forty-eight hours of the whole year to my own affairs, devoting my entire time for service to this grand jurisdiction."

The Grand Secretary reported that, in response to the Grand Master's appeal on behalf of the European war relief fund, \$7,722 had been collected.

He said that the cost of maintaining a resident of the Masonic home for one year was \$229.92.

A good but brief report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. Charles J. Phelps.

Lodges in Nebraska 267; members 22,305, a gain for the year of 1,183.

Samuel S. Whiting, Lincoln, Grand Master.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was opened at Reno June 8th, 1915. Theodore J. Steinmetz Grand Master. Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Bro. William P. Filmer, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.

The Grand Master reported the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Joseph E. Miller, who died November 12th, 1914. He was Grand Master in 1900.

When the first Masons went into Nevada they went from all parts of the Union, and the work they took with them varied greatly in detail. The variations have continued to the present time, and the Grand Master recommended the appointment of District Deputies whose duty it would be to secure uniformity with the authorized ritual. Grand Lodge, however, did not approve the recommendation. His recommendation that at each session of Grand Lodge the work of the degrees should be exemplified by officers of selected lodges was adopted.

In answer to an appeal for help in relieving distress caused by the war in Europe the Grand Master had forwarded \$100 from the general fund, and a further sum of \$285.50 was raised by subscriptions of the lodges.

In concluding his address Bro. Steinmetz said:

Freemasonry is worthy of the confidence of the twentieth century as it is in accord with its progress. It stands for whatever is right and best for the permanent good. Every virtue is exalted by its teachings, and every vice condemned. In every community its sublime teachings are at work, uplifting, inspiring, energizing, and if we, my brothers, will yield but a part of our time to positive service and good, Masonry, in return, will never fail to yield a benediction to country, home and state.

The Committee on Masonic Home recommended that a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each Master Mason in the jurisdiction be set aside for the purpose of forming a Masonic home fund. In the end the recommendation was deferred and remitted for consideration to a committee to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master.

The excellent and very full report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth. Like some other correspondents, Bro. Vanderlieth pokes good-natured fun at Canada for having rejoiced in peace upon the very eve of the great war. Well, let us slightly change the words of the poet and say:

“ 'Tis better to have hoped and lost
Than never to have hoped at all.”

In his concluding remarks Bro. Vanderlieth said:

We craftsmen, who stand for the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, should intercede for peace, though first honor and mercy alike cry out that this nation of ours should stop the selling of munitions to the belligerents, and, if necessary, place an embargo on its ports. Strengthen the hands of those in authority, O Lord, that in all things they may seek Thy honor and glory.

And that leads one to wonder whether, during the civil war in the United States, Bro. Vanderlieth prayed that Europeans should be forbidden to sell munitions to the United States government.

Lodges in Nevada 23; members 1,975, a gain of 36.

Benjamin W. Coleman, Carson City, Grand Master.

Edward W. Vanderlieth, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The forty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was opened at St. John April 6th, 1915. Hedley V. B. Bridges, LL.D.

Grand Master. A change in the time of meeting of Grand Lodge from August to April left the Masonic year only eight months long. "These months, however," said the Grand Master, "have been of supreme historic interest and anxiety."

In the course of his address Bro. Bridges said:

In looking up the early history in Freemasonry in New Brunswick, I find in R. W. Brother Bunting's work that the first member of the craft to preside over a lodge in New Brunswick was the Rev. J. Beardsley, and the date of that occasion was September 1, 1784. Brother Beardsley before coming to New Brunswick had been Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York. He was evidently enthusiastic in the interest of the craft in those days, and was undoubtedly instrumental in establishing two other lodges, at Mauderville and Kingston. There is record of his having preached a sermon to the brethren, here, in Trinity Church on St. John the Baptist day, 1802, in which he states that "the noble art hath been propagated in different parts of the province so that we now have five regular lodges established." He died poor, and lies buried beneath the chancel of the old church at Kingston.

In response to an appeal by the Grand Master Grand Lodge resolved to erect a tablet in Trinity Church, Kingston, with the consent of the rector, churchwardens and vestry.

During the past fourteen years, the Grand Master said, the membership of lodges in New Brunswick had doubled. He had learned that fully a hundred Masons had enlisted, of whom one-half were from St. John.

In concluding his address, Bro. Bridges said:

The voice of Freemasonry has ever been the voice of peace. Masonry, like the arts and sciences, has flourished and thriven during years of peace. But if the Supreme Architect of the Universe decrees that this awful war shall continue until the wrongs of suffering, down-trodden Belgium shall have been measurably righted, until the forces of the enemy shall have been driven from the fields of fair France and her dismembered empire wholly restored, until the ancient rights and liberties and language have been given back to poor Poland, and until the clang of armor and sword of Prussian militarism be no more heard in Europe, naught shall we say, but as was said of old, "Just and righteous art thou altogether in thy works, O Lord."

A request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was deferred until the next annual communication.

There are forty lodges in New Brunswick, with a membership of 3,685, an increase of 149.

Hedley V. Bridges, LL. D., Fredericton, Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

During the Masonic year ending May, 1915, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire held three district lodges of instruction, one especial communication for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic hall, one semi-annual communication, which was really a state lodge of instruction, and the annual communication.

The one hundredth annual communication was opened at Concord May 19th, 1915. Stephen S. Jewett Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master made fitting reference to the war in Europe, and congratulated his brethren that the republic was at peace. He added:

I have been strongly impressed during the past year with the fidelity of the various lodges in this jurisdiction, along all lines tending to support the grand principles that are set forth in the ritual and work. I firmly believe that the Masonic fraternity is the greatest bulwark for the general good of this country that is in existence today, and New Hampshire Masons are fully alive to their duties and obligations and will always be found standing shoulder to shoulder and show by their conduct and action that the fraternity to which they belong is not for mere empty show.

Relations with all other grand jurisdictions, he said, were of the most friendly character.

Much to his regret he was unable to accept the invitation to be the guest of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the peace celebration at Niagara Falls in 1914; but at that time he was on his way to Europe. He said:

The meeting was a most successful one, many distinguished Masons were present, and the friendship that has been maintained so long between the Masons of Canada and the United States was, if it were possible, more firmly cemented. Great Britain is today engaged in fearful war, and many of the members of our brotherhood of Canada, whose jurisdiction touches ours, are engaged in the great struggle. Our hearts go out in sympathy toward them, with the fervent prayer that they may survive the hardships and cruelties of war and safely return to their homes again.

During the year Bro. Jewett had issued an appeal to all the lodges in the jurisdiction for assistance to those who were and are suffering in consequence of the war. The reponse to this appeal, he said, had been very gratifying. More than \$1,200 had been forwarded to the treasury of the Masonic Relief Association, and a further sum was still to be forwarded. There is no doubt that, as Bro. Jewett said, the brethren of New Hampshire are "always in the forefront in every good and noble undertaking."

M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney continues the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is always bright, breezy and chirpy. He says:

The vital thing which Freemasonry does to a worthwhile man is to give him opportunities. It confers no powers, creates no caste, ennobles no life, save only as service and sacrifice do these things. This is the excuse for the existence of our fraternity. This is the mainspring of our institution. This is why men, good and true, cast their lot with us.

Bro. Cheney tells us that only last year did New Hampshire formally recognize the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and adds:

We can only say that it was done last year for the purpose of creating a formal record. We could not find in our minutes of 125 years that recognition had been given, although we have proceeded as though it had.

Expressing surprise that Toronto had so many as twenty-five lodges, Bro. Cheney was informed that the population of Toronto was greater than that of New Hampshire, whereupon he said, "Well, we now know more than we did, and we ask permission to amend, our wonder now being how they get along with so few lodges in that city." They don't: Toronto now has thirty-one lodges.

New Hampshire possesses and jealously guards the only Masonic letter written by Lafayette known to be in existence. It is as follows:

I much regret the impossibility I am under, in consequence of previous and positive engagements, to attend my brothers of the Masonic Humane Lodge of Rochester on the celebration which they contemplate on the 24th. My Heart will be with them, and I beg them to accept my fraternal attachment and good wishes.

Dover, June 23, 1825.

LAFAYETTE.

Lodges in New Hampshire 80; members 10,910, an increase for the year of 128.

Stephen S. Jewett, Laconia, Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was opened at Trenton April 21st, 1915. Charles P. Russ Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening the Grand Treasurer presented the Grand Master with a gavel made of wood taken from the old battleship Wabash. He requested the Grand Master to use the gavel to call the Grand Lodge to order and then to place it in his "archives." Which might be difficult.

The Grand Master said: "The present excellent condition of the lodges throughout this grand jurisdiction is worthy of more than passing note. Financial improvement, a stricter adherence to the ritual, and the preservation of harmony have each contributed a share in this attainment."

He announced the death of M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Congdon, who was Grand Master in 1885-1886. An emergent communication of Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of committing the remains to the earth. There were also seven emergent communications for the purpose of laying corner stones.

At the peace celebration of 1914, in this jurisdiction, Bro. Russ was represented by R. W. Bro. Searing and W. Bro. Shireffs, the genial Foreign Correspondent of New Jersey. They reported, to use the language of the Grand Master, "a most cordial welcome from their Canadian neighbors and an official reception which left its participants in no doubt of the sincerity and appreciation of their hosts, of the generous identity of thought as evidenced by the attendance of so many of their Masonic confreres from the United States."

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma had been recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized. Bro. Shirrefs had been accredited the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

A member of a lodge in New Jersey was indefinitely suspended for unmasonic conduct. He appealed to Grand Lodge, which reversed the decision and restored him to membership. He thereupon asked the lodge for his dimit, which was granted, but the lodge demanded six dollars for dues during the period of his suspension. He again appealed to the Grand Master, who ordered the lodge to return the money to him, holding that a brother under suspension except for non-payment of dues is not subject to dues during the period of his suspension.

Owing to continued illness the Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Wakefield, was compelled to decline re-election. Bro. Wakefield was a most valuable official, and he will be much missed. R. W. Bro. Theo. B. Townley was chosen as his successor.

The volume of proceedings is adorned by many views of Masonic temples in New Jersey. One of these was a very old building at Trenton, used for Masonic purposes more than a century ago: it has been purchased by an association of Masons and presented to Grand Lodge. It will become a Masonic museum.

The kindly, genial and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Shirrefs, who, by the way, has consented to represent the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and who is eminently qualified to perform the arduous duties appertaining to that high office.

In noting losses by death in this jurisdiction Bro. Shirrefs said: "Past Grand Master William Gibson it was our privilege to regard as a personal friend, and to highly esteem his genial and sympathetic sense of brotherhood." To some remarks by this correspondent he replied:

He somewhat personally reflects upon our boyhood in Toronto, by asserting that we have confessed to it with contrition. We think he hails from Hamilton. Hence he thinks that only by prayer and fasting could we have overcome our early training. We observe that he catches the musical note of the ice in the pitcher readily, depending on his imagination rather than fact, though.

A veracious brother who once had the misfortune to be interned at Hoboken informs us that the meaning of the reference to "the ice in the pitcher" is this: When the wind blows from the north-east it carries down upon the defenceless denizens of Newark vast swarms of deadly mosquitoes from the Hackensack meadows. The people have discovered a remedy in what they call apple-jack or Jersey lightning. It works an instant cure; but its effects are such that the users are the next morning compelled to put ice-packs on their heads. The mosquito pest and the dreadful remedy gave rise to the historic phrase "terrible times in the Jarseys."

Lodges in New Jersey 194; members 40,569, a gain of 1,895.

Edward M. Searing, Trenton, Grand Master.

Theo. B. Townley, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

1916.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was opened at Trenton April 19th, 1916. Edward M. Searing Grand Master.

During the year there had been six emergent communications of Grand Lodge—two for the purpose of constituting new lodges, three for the purpose of laying corner stones, and one for the purpose of performing the rites of the fraternity over the remains of Past Grand Master Hamilton Wallis. M. W. Bro. Wallis was Grand Master in 1879-1880, and his death was on the first of April, 1915.

Bro. Searing had issued a circular letter warning brethren against the Ohio chain letters begging money ostensibly for the purpose of erecting a monument to President McKinley, when in fact the monument was built in 1909 and paid for.

Affairs at the Masonic home, said the Grand Master, were in a very satisfactory condition. There had been some overcrowding, but the Home Committee had remodelled and enlarged the buildings, "thereby affording ample accommodation for a long time to come."

A considerable number of distinguished visitors were received, mainly from Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware.

The volume of proceedings is a model of typographical excellence, and is illustrated by a number of engravings of Masonic temples in New Jersey.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is in Bro. Shirref's best style of excellence and completeness.

Lodges in New Jersey 196; members 42,257, a gain for the year of 1,688.

William R. Meakle, Trenton, Grand Master.

Theo. B. Townley, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

The thirty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was opened at Albuquerque October 11th, 1915. Raleigh F. Hare Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master was mainly occupied with accounts of his stewardship. Of the war in Europe he said:

Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to our brothers and fellows who have for fifteen months been engaged in by far the bloodiest conflict the world has ever seen. Let us be grateful that our country has not yet become involved. This is indeed a time when the world needs an institution whose underlying principle is the brotherhood of man. Freemasonry stands for liberty, justice and equality. It has and will always continue to be one of the foremost agencies in establishing universal peace. It is now one of the strongest agencies for the moulding of public sentiment in the United States, in an effort to maintain honorable peace for our country.

All of which is true as far as it goes. But there is no word of condemnation for those who caused the war, and who have perpetrated atrocities at which the world has stood aghast. Doubtless Freemasonry will be an agency in establishing universal peace; but it will not do much effective work in that direction by using weak platitudes. War will end only when military brutes are made to understand that brutality is unprofitable, and that not only world condemnation but world punishment awaits them. Through the long lapse of the ages educational influences will be at work teaching men that aggressive war is a monstrous crime; and Masonry will certainly be active in teaching that lesson. But the time will be long before the lesson is learned.

The Grand Master had been reluctantly compelled to accept the resignation as Foreign Correspondent of M. W. Bro. James H. Wroth, whose failing health was the cause of his retirement. Bro. Wroth was a valuable correspondent, and he will be missed from the ranks.

During the year the sum of \$1,162 was raised for the relief of all distressed Masons and their families in the war zone of Europe, and the money was forwarded to the central authority.

Amendments to the constitution were adopted providing that within six months after being raised

every Master Mason shall stand examination in open lodge upon the first section of the Master Mason degree; and that unless he can pass such examination he shall be ineligible to election to the office of Worshipful Master or Warden of the lodge.

Bro. John Milne presented his first report as Foreign Correspondent. It is an acceptable and comprehensive report, but Canada has failed to find a place in it.

Lodges in New Mexico 50, including two under dispensation. Members 3,564, a gain of 203.

Amos W. Pollard, Deming, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was held at Sydney September 9th, 1914. William Thompson Grand Master.

During the year ending June 30th, 1914, there had been 2,459 initiations, and at the end of the year the membership was 20,477. During the quarter eight dispensations had been granted for the initiation of lewises.

The Grand Master had recommended a grant of £250 to the Patriotic Fund, but this had been increased to £500.

At the quarterly communication held 9th December, 1914, announcement was made that contributions to the Patriotic Fund by lodges throughout the jurisdiction amounted to £1,909.

At a quarterly communication held June 9th, 1915, the Grand Master noted that the brethren of one lodge had resolved to dispense with the use of alcoholic refreshments at their banquets and to devote the money saved to one of the war funds.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash in the various funds of Grand Lodge amounting to £37,313.

A special communication was held June 14th, 1915, when Bro. William Thompson, who had been re-elected Grand Master, was formally proclaimed such for the ensuing year.

The new Masonic temple was formally dedicated: and the Grand Master said its value was £65,000, and that it would accommodate eighty or ninety lodges. The contributions to the Patriotic Fund he said, amounted to £2,546. The members of the craft who had enlisted for the defence of the empire numbered about 600. In the course of his address, when commenting upon the general prosperity of the craft, Bro. Thompson said:

Far beyond the precincts of the lodge room the beneficent influence of Freemasonry extends. Its light penetrates and illumines the homes of all its adherents and indeed brings into every community where a lodge is established the influence of its high ideals. Throughout the world its sacred light shines forth from thousands upon thousands of altars, and the bright effulgent rays of truth eternal bring hope, comfort and happiness to all within its circle.

Let us therefore, on this great festival day of St. John, pledge our faith anew in Freemasonry, that Heavenly inspired great system of morality, which embraces within its ranks good men and true of every sect, every class, and every creed, and whatever dissensions may arise in the affairs of men, let us rejoice that there is at least one portal through which the foul spirit of discord may never gain an entrance. May this divine spirit of peace, love and harmony rest upon every lodge, and may its doors ever be close tyed against strife, recrimination and dissension!

V. W. Bro. S. Scott Young, chairman, submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which the proceedings of fifty Grand Lodges were reviewed with ability and discretion. In his concluding remarks Bro. Scott Young said:

Freemasonry is the same all the world over; it has the same foundation—belief in God and the immortality of the soul; it raises the same superstructure of brotherly love, relief and truth; it is supported by the same great pillars—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; it leads to the same practice of Virtue, Benevolence, Morality, and the formation of a noble character, lofty ideals, and clean life, and a study of the different methods recorded may expand our minds and enlarge our ideas, may impress upon us the great Masonic motto: "Audi," "Vide." "Tace"—listen, see, be

silent—and establish among Masons the world over that sublime tolerance which is summed up in the words of a great teacher:

In things essential—Unity.
In things doubtful—Liberty.
In all things—Charity.

Lodges in New South Wales 260, an increase of five; members 21,502, an increase of 1,024.

William Thompson, Sydney, Grand Master.

Arthur H. Bray, Masonic Hall, Sydney, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

An annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was opened at Wellington on the 12th of May, 1915. John Joseph Dougall Grand Master.

In a very brief address the Grand Master expressed gratification that the progress of the craft in the jurisdiction at been at least equal to that of former years. Four new lodges had been consecrated. The financial progress had been most satisfactory. Invested funds and cash in bank amounted to £35,374.

Soon after the breaking out of the war the Grand Master issued an appeal to lodges throughout the jurisdiction asking for funds to be used for the needs of brethren who might return from the war wounded or sick, or in assisting the dependents of brethren at the front. It was not possible at the time of the meeting of Grand Lodge to state the amounts raised, as a good deal of money was still in the hands of the lodges; but the Grand Secretary estimated that by the end of 1915 the sum of £7,000 would be realized. One lodge had promised £100 a year and several had promised £50 a year.

In the matter of annual dues the New Zealand brethren are very liberal. The highest amount is £3 3s. per annum, or about \$15.50; in seventeen lodges the annual charge is from £2 5s. to £3 3s.;

in forty-six lodges it is £2 2s., in fifty-eight lodges it is from £1 10s. to £1 18s.; in thirty-seven lodges it is £1 1s.; and twelve lodges levy only £1 per annum.

A case which gave rise to a good deal of discussion and was not easy of settlement was that of a brother who had been elected and invested as Senior Warden of a lodge, and, after filling his chair for two months, moved away. Some years later he returned, and was elected and installed as Worshipful Master. The point was raised that he had not legally served twelve months as Warden, and the Board of General Purposes found that he was not qualified for election to the office of Worshipful Master. In the end Grand Lodge decided by a somewhat close vote, that, as the brother had not resigned his office as Warden, nor had been deposed from it, he must be considered to have served the office for the full period of twelve months, whereupon the Grand Master declared that he would be confirmed in his position of Worshipful Master.

The question was asked whether or not the Immediate Past Master is an officer of the lodge. It was decided that he is not.

This communication marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master made a very interesting address appropriate to the occasion. In 1891 the lodges subject to the jurisdiction were seventy-three in number, with 2,193 members. At the end of March, 1915, there were 202 lodges, with 14,000 members. Since its formation Grand Lodge had dispensed charity at the rate of £1,000 per annum, and at the end of the Masonic year its funds aggregated £35,374.

The report on Correspondence, every way excellent and readable, is by R. W. Bro. Sydney Clifton Bingham. Bro. Bingham's narrative of the doings of Grand Lodges is full, and his comments are few.

John Joseph Dougall, Christchurch, Grand Master.

Malcolm Niccol, Christchurch, Grand Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was opened at Raleigh January 18th, 1916. F. P. Hobgood Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John C. Drewry, the Grand Secretary, had suffered from very serious illness, and went to Baltimore, where a critical operation was performed, and where for weeks he hovered between life and death. While in hospital he was tenderly and lovingly cared for by M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, and many other brethren, who supplied all his wants, comforted him in his hours of suffering and cheered him on his way back to health. Resolutions of gratitude for the recovery of Bro. Drewry and thanks for the kindly offices of the Maryland brethren were unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge.

Business had called the Grand Master from the state for a considerable part of the year, and the affairs of Grand Lodge were left in the hands of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. B. Andrews, who evidently managed them to the satisfaction of all the brethren.

During the year Grand Lodge had suffered the loss by death of a number of its prominent members. Among them was M. W. Bro. Lewis S. Williams at the age of ninety-one. He was Grand Master in 1859-1860.

"The past six months," said Bro. Andrews, "has shown very strongly the worth of the district deputy system, and the greater amount of growth of Masonry in North Carolina is due to the efficient District Deputies."

During the civil war North Carolina furnished 130,000 men to the Confederate armies, of whom probably 20,000 were then or afterwards became Masons. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina chartered six or more army lodges. Bro. Andrews suggests that it may be possible to make a list of the Confederate soldiers who were Masons, and thinks it would be the right thing to do.

A regulation of the jurisdiction is that inability to write is no bar to membership. "There is no law making a petitioner ineligible because of his inability to write." The Acting Grand Master recommended that in future each petitioner must be able to read and write. He said: "This recommendation is made because our state has now advanced so that there is no excuse for the coming generation not learning to read and write."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Dr. John A. Collins, but was not presented by him. The last work he did was to read the proof of it, and he died on the 24th of December, 1915, nearly a month before Grand Lodge met.

Speaking of the war, in his introductory remarks, Bro. Collins said:

It must be gratifying to every reading Mason to know that in the addresses of Grand Masters touching this calamity, there is entire absence of bitterness against any of the belligerents. This is especially marked in the American Grand Lodges in which only sentiments of profound sorrow and sympathy are expressed for the victims of this stupendous tragedy. Even in the British colonial grand lodges there is no evidence of anger or passion, but instead a firm determination to give loyal and earnest support, as Masons should, to king and country at any sacrifice that may be required of blood or treasure.

Lodges in North Carolina 442, including six under dispensation; members 25,030, a gain of 1,071.

A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh, Grand Master.

John C. Drewry, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was opened at Grand Forks June 15th, 1915. Frank H. Sprague Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Morris, Past Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota, was an honored guest.

Three lodges had been constituted during the year; one dispensation had been continued; and dispensations had been granted for the formation of five new lodges.

A balance from the fund for the relief of sufferers by the floods in Ohio being in the treasury, the Grand Master drew upon it to the extent of \$100 for the relief of sufferers by the war in Europe. This was forwarded to the Belgian Minister at Washington. A special appeal to the brethren throughout the jurisdiction brought about \$900 more. The Grand Master said: "No doubt a much larger fund would have been secured but for the fact that most brethren had already contributed through civic and other associations to this cause."

A young gentleman, a "senior at Fargo College," was introduced while Grand Lodge was "at ease," and he delivered an oration on America's Opportunity, which "received a tremendous ovation, and was showered with congratulations from the brethren." What the oration had to do with Masonry or Masonry with it, it is not easy to discover. Perhaps, as the young gentleman is still a profane, he may be excused for having nothing pertinent to Masonry to tell his auditors about Masonry; but when we read that he informed them that "one by one the prophets—Socrates, Galileo, Savonarola, John Knox gave their blood for the onward march of men," we may be pardoned for suggesting that closer adherence to the facts of history would have done his oration no harm.

An application for recognition from the National Grand Lodge of France was deferred.

M. W. Bro. James W. Foley contributed the report on Foreign Correspondence, from which mention of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was omitted.

Lodges in North Dakota 111; including five under dispensation; members 9,593, a gain of 463.

Harry Lord, Cando, Grand Master.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The fiftieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was opened at Halifax June 9th, 1915. William Medford Christie Grand Master.

After Grand Lodge was opened and before the routine business began, there was an address by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. D. H. McKinnon. In the course of this address Bro. McKinnon said: "We receive none into our order who are not citizens and having the right of citizens to take part in the government of the country." We had not heard of that rule before; and, while we are unable to say that it is peculiar to Nova Scotia, we do not know of another jurisdiction in which it exists.

In opening his address the Grand Master called attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was formed fifty years previously. The lodges composing it had received their warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Many Masonic brethren, said the Grand Master, and the sons of brethren, had gone across seas to serve their king and their country. "It is our duty, as Masons," he said "to loyally support the government in carrying on this war against those who would trample under foot and destroy all the principles of our beloved order."

He noted the death of M. W. Bro. William Frederick McCoy, who was Grand Master in 1894; also of M. W. Bro. William H. Davies, who was

the first Grand Master of the jurisdiction just fifty years before his death.

During the year one lodge had been constituted and consecrated, and a dispensation had been granted for the formation of one new lodge.

There were nineteen inmates of the Masonic home, and the cost of maintenance was \$4,394, of which \$1,000 was voted from the general fund of Grand Lodge and \$3,394 was provided by a per capita tax upon the brethren. The trustees said:

It is gratifying to the trustees to know that the home is in a flourishing condition, and that the inmates are enjoying the comforts that have been provided for them by their brethren. Generous donations towards the care and comfort of the inmates have been made by various brethren throughout the year, all of which have been suitably acknowledged.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray, the Grand Secretary, submitted his fifteenth report on Frater-nal Correspondence. In its preparation, he says, he was assisted by R. W. Bro. J. C. Jones, who, it is intimated, may assume the whole work. Bro. Mowbray has been a faithful and kindly reviewer, and he will be missed. He says that M. W. Bro. MacPherson, of this jurisdiction, delivered "a very interesting and exceptionally able address" at our annual communication of 1914; and that:

The report of the Board on the condition of Masonry is one of the most readable and interesting Masonic documents it has been our good fortune to peruse for many a day. Interspersed with poetry it gives a large amount of valuable information as to the standing and condition of the craft in the jurisdiction and is thoroughly interesting throughout.

Lodges in Nova Scotia 74, including one under dispensation; members 6,758, a gain for the year of seven.

Donald Fisher Fraser, New Glasgow, Grand Master.

Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

On the 16th of April, 1916, M. W. Bro. Theodore Augustus Crossman, who was Grand Master

of Masons in Nova Scotia in 1900, died after a brief illness. Bro. Crossman had been an outstanding figure in the Masonic life of the jurisdiction for nearly half a century. By his death Nova Scotia Masonry suffers a severe loss.

OHIO.

The one hundred and sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was opened at Dayton October 20th, 1915. George L. Marshall Grand Master.

While Bro. Marshall deplored the horrors of the war in Europe, and expressed a hope that Masonry might be found an agent in the work of rehabilitation and conciliation on the restoration of peace, he congratulated his brethren on the fact that the United States were at peace, their industries thriving, their harvests plentiful, the welfare of the nation sustained, that fraternal relations were maintained with other jurisdictions, and that the influence of Masonry was greater in the western hemisphere than ever before. The craft had prospered in Ohio. The net gain in membership had been 5,110, and the total number of Master Masons on the roll was 101,185.

Dispensations were issued during the year for the formation of two new lodges.

The painful duty had fallen upon the Grand Master of arresting the warrant of a lodge. Grave charges had been made against certain members of the lodge, which were known to the public and were a discredit to Masonry. The lodge took no action, and probably would not take action, against the offending brethren. Under the circumstances there seemed to be no course open but to arrest the warrant.

During the year Bro. Marshall issued a circular condemning the soliciting of money ostensibly for a memorial to the late President McKinley. In 1913 the Grand Lodge passed a resolution declaring that

it did not approve of the chain-letter scheme of raising funds for the erection of the McKinley memorial or for any other purpose. But the sturdy beggars go on with the work, pretending that they have some kind of Masonic authority behind them.

A committee was appointed during the year for the purpose of organizing relief for the Masons of Europe, their widows and orphans, at the close of the war; but the work was passed on to the incoming Grand Master for such action as to him may seem wise.

In the concluding remarks of Bro. Marshall we find the following eloquent and truthful passage:

Possessed with a language and history, Freemasonry has had for centuries but one mission, and that mission is to direct the minds of men to the one true living God, and to vitalize in the highest sense the principle of human brotherhood. Thus Masonry, the hand-maiden of religion, strengthens the Mason in his service to God, to his country and to humanity, and is found a living force for good in every avenue of worthy effort. Our growth is therefore not phenomenal, but rather natural, and there can be no danger to the institution in numbers so long as the ancient principles govern and inspire the craft.

The volume of proceedings is illustrated with further pictures of Masonic halls in Ohio, some of which are beautiful and noble-looking structures; but, they are not all "temples."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by the chairman, M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams. It is readable, interesting, and full of information. In his concluding remarks Bro. Williams said:

Having examined the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of Ohio is in fraternal correspondence, we have reached the conclusion that Freemasonry, in the English-speaking grand jurisdictions at least, has never been in a more prosperous condition than today. In fact, we fear that its only danger is its prosperity—strange as this may seem. The increase in membership in many of the grand jurisdictions is so large as to raise a suspicion that the proper care may not be taken to see that only the worthy are permitted to enter. If only the good and pure and true are admitted, and the

present rate of increase continues, no man can measure the amount of good that may be accomplished and the amount of influence that may be exerted by the great Masonic army of the future.

Lodges in Ohio 541; members 101,185.

Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Grand Master.

J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

The eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was opened at Oklahoma City February 14th, 1916. Almer E. Monroney Grand Master.

Oklahoma City Lodge, of which he is a member, presented Bro. Monroney with a beautiful Grand Master's apron, with which he was greatly pleased.

M. W. Bro. Dan S. McMillan, Grand Master of Masons in Texas, was a visitor, who was received with due ceremony.

Referring to the war situation Bro. Monroney said:

Masonry, as an institution, has taken no active part in trying to bring about any peace negotiations, as a united, concerted effort by our fraternity. However, we have responded to the cry of the widow and orphans of those desolated countries and the response has been generous and liberal—and well it should be—for the suffering and helplessness caused by, or resulting from, this greatest conflict the world has ever known

The condition of the craft in Oklahoma was eminently satisfactory, and its growth gratifying.

Among the fraternal dead were M. W. Bro. Alfred G. Gray, who was Grand Master in 1912; M. W. Bro. Selwyn Douglas, Grand Master in 1904; and M. W. Bro. C. C. Ayers, Past Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas, who had affiliated in Oklahoma.

A sum exceeding ten thousand dollars was in bank at the credit of the Masonic home fund.

The laying of the corner stone of the new state house with Masonic ceremonies was one of the events of the year.

The Grand Master had refused all applications to circulate begging letters to lodges in the jurisdiction.

Many rulings had been made, all being interpretations of the Masonic law of the jurisdiction.

Nearly four hundred dollars had been raised for the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States.

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Recognition of the National Regular and Independent Grand Lodge of France was refused.

Lodges in Oklahoma 453; number of members not given.

Arthur James Weir, Hugo, Grand Master.

William Moses Anderson, Oklahoma City, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The sixty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was opened at Portland June 16th, 1915. William C. Bristol, Grand Master.

We shall state the facts mildly if we say that the Grand Master was not, in his address, complimentary to the brethren of the jurisdiction. He said:

Astonishing wastefulness and extravagance are notably exhibited in the doings of this year among lodges that have cost approximately \$68,923.00; and nothing is left to show for it. Your Grand Lodge expenditures invariably exceed its income. Its finances have been, and those of your Masonic Building Association usually are, in such a state that there has not been enough from the revenues to conduct business without borrowing money.

For which reasons he urged strict economy upon the Grand Lodge and upon the subordinate lodges. He recommended the creation of fixed funds for the needs of indigent brethren, their widows and their children; that power be given the Grand Master to appoint District Representatives "to guide, direct and instruct lodge business"; that methods of Masonic instruction and education be provided throughout the jurisdiction and that the Grand Master have power to convert the funds of a Masonic building association into cash for the purpose of providing a benevolent fund. The various committees to which the address of the Grand Master was referred, and the brethren of Grand Lodge, did not wholly agree with the views of Bro. Bristol, but it is pretty certain that his recommendations will result in good.

He denied that the rights and privileges of constituent lodges are unduly interfered with by Grand Lodge. He said:

Let it be known to you that the constituent lodge which understands Masonry, which promulgates it among its members and observes its fundamental principles and complies with the laws of the order will have no complaint of interference with its rights.

He noted the death of M. W. Bro. John McCracken, who was Grand Master in 1863-1864. A special session of Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of performing the funeral ceremonies.

A committee appointed to report upon the question of physical requirements in candidates made a report to the effect that a candidate must possess the physical ability to conform substantially to and be instructed in and give instructions in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry; provided that where a candidate is maimed after he has received the E. A. degree, such injury shall not prevent his advancement. He must have resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies for at least one year; and he must not have been rejected by any lodge within six months of the date of his application. The report was adopt-

ed by Grand Lodge; but it must be reported upon by the Jurisprudence Committee at the next annual communication.

After the installation of the new officers the retiring Grand Master presented the retiring Chaplain with "the official hat of the office" he had filled for a year. We have never before heard that it was needful to have a Grand Chaplain well tiled.

M. W. Bro. David P. Mason presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is a good one.

Lodges in Oregon 145; members 14,214, a gain of 954.

Frank J. Miller, Salem, Grand Master.

James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia March 3rd, 1915. J. Henry Williams Grand Master.

An offer was received from a brother to give at once to Grand Lodge a sum of \$33,300 conditioned on the payment to him of \$1,400 a year during his life and of \$500 a year to his widow after his death, the principal sum to be expended in the erection of a cottage on the grounds of the Masonic home. The offer was accepted.

Report was made that, with two exceptions, portraits of all the Grand Masters of the jurisdiction for more than a hundred years had been obtained, and nearly all of them had been published in the proceedings.

At the quarterly communication held December 1st, 1915, financial reports were submitted, including reports on the Masonic home. The total assets of Grand Lodge, including the homes and the temple at Philadelphia are valued at \$4,456,432.

The annual grand communication was held December 27th, 1915.

Five new lodges had been constituted during the year.

An amendment to the constitution was offered, which, however, will not be considered till December of the present year, which reads as follows:

A petitioner rejected as the result of a ballot in a lodge other than in the lodge petitioned shall in any future action be considered as a rejected petitioner in the lodge originally petitioned.

So far as this affects Pennsylvania only it is not necessary to consider it. But it affects other grand jurisdictions, therefore it is properly a subject of debate. During the year the Grand Master had issued nine edicts declaring that nine regularly made Masons should not enjoy any Masonic rights or privileges within the state of Pennsylvania. The reason given was that they had been rejected in Pennsylvania, had subsequently removed to other states, and there, in accordance with the Masonic law of those jurisdictions, were accepted and initiated. The Grand Master spoke of these brethren as "persons unlawfully made in other jurisdictions." Now, they were not unlawfully made. There is nothing to show that they had not lived in the several jurisdictions for a period long enough to give them a Masonic residence there, that they were not under the tongue of good report, or that they were not physically capable of complying literally with all the requirements of Masonic ceremonies. A man living in Pennsylvania applied to his local lodge for membership, but it was discovered that he had lost one joint of a finger on his left hand. Under the Pennsylvania law he could not be accepted, and was declared a rejected candidate. He then came to Canada, and, after living here more than a year, he was accepted and initiated. Then the Grand Master of Pennsylvania issued his edict that this brother must be denied all Masonic rights and privileges in Pennsylvania. His position is thus stated by himself:

We reaffirm our belief in the proposition stated a year ago: That a petitioner may apply where he chooses; that when he has so chosen his choice is fixed and permanent and he is and remains the property of the chosen lodge until it releases him.

That when a resident of this jurisdiction applies in another, as he may, the proper inquiry must be made by the Grand Master of that jurisdiction through the Grand Master of this. Our practice is to refer the inquiry to the lodge nearest the residence of the petitioner, to ascertain the Masonic fitness of the petitioner. There is no other inquiry.

In some places the ruling is different from ours. There the inquiry seems to be "Why should he not be compelled to join us?" "Why should we let him go elsewhere?" Upon this thought the inquiry is answered in the negative, which simply means to them "We prefer to keep the petitioner at home," while with us it means "He is unfit to be made a Mason."

The third paragraph of the extract is wholly unwarranted by the facts, and it is uncharitable and unmasonic in its tone. In most jurisdictions (we think in all) a candidate must have lived for a considerable length of time in the country and be a bona fide resident; he must have a good reputation as a man and a citizen; and he must be able to comply literally with all the requirements of the ceremonies. Except the last these are the requirements in Pennsylvania. There "physical perfection" is demanded. If the man had the tip of the little finger of his left hand shot away at the battle of Gettysburg while fighting for the defence of Pennsylvania, no Pennsylvania lodge dare admit him to membership. But that standard of physical perfection is not common among Masons, and is not warranted by any ancient law. Pennsylvania has a perfect right to make it her law; but Pennsylvania has no right to say that it must be the law in other jurisdictions. To assert that the candidate so rejected in Pennsylvania must not be accepted by another jurisdiction is to deny the Masonic sovereignty of the other jurisdiction. And to imply that the other jurisdictions, in accepting such candidates, acted upon the principle that the rejected candidates should be compelled to join them is an unjust and wholly unwarranted declaration that they are so eager for candidates and so eager for money as to accept unfit material.

Nor will the Pennsylvania doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction be accepted by the Masonic world. It is incompatible with the dignity of a sovereign Grand Lodge to sue to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, much more to a private lodge in Pennsylvania, for permission to accept a candidate known to be suitable for initiation and worthy to be made a Mason. We do not agree with a brother reviewer that the position assumed by Pennsylvania constitutes a *casus belli*, but it certainly is a cause for disquiet in the Masonic world and a menace to Masonic harmony.

Lodges in Pennsylvania 497; members 120,576, a gain for the year of 5,116.

Louis A. Watres, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The fortieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was opened at Charlottetown June 23rd, 1915. George S. Inman Grand Master.

"From a Masonic standpoint," said the Grand Master, "the year has been a successful one, several of the lodges having shown great enthusiasm in their work: others are marking time."

A sum of \$1,075 had been raised in aid of the Queen's Canadian hospital in England.

During the year the Grand Master had visited all the lodges in the jurisdiction with two exceptions.

The Masonic situation in Prince Edward Island was thus summarized by Bro. Inman:

When compared with other years, the one just closed can be termed one of activity. We commenced the year with 799 Master Masons and we closed the year with 819, a net gain of 20. In some lodges there has been special

activity. While increase in membership is a necessary part of the work—necessary for the perpetuation of Masonic existence, yet it is not the only object to be aimed at. The Masonic builder should build well no matter how slowly the work proceeds. We are not working against time. Speed has no place in our merit book. If the finished product is good, we ask to see no time sheets. The foundation upon which we build is that of brotherly love, the cement we use is good deeds of charity, while the completed structure is a well spent life. Though some of our lodges are hastening slowly they are building well. Others again are working overtime, after a long period of rest.

He believed that each lodge should be encouraged to attend divine service at least once a year.

In concluding his address he said:

As Masons we are character builders. Every day adds an additional stone to the edifice of life. Let each stone be a perfect ashler, so that the building when complete may be a fit abode for the spirit of truth. Self-sacrifice and unselfishness are two of the great underlying principles of our order. The greatest deeds that history records are those of sacrifice. Nothing is so soul-shrivelling as selfishness.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and that action respecting the Grand lodge of the Philippine Islands and the Grand Lodge Nationale Independante et Reguliere of France be deferred. Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation.

Lodges in Prince Edward Island 15; members 819, a gain of 20.

James D. Stewart, Georgetown, Grand Master.

W. P. Doull, P. G. M., Charlottetown, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The forty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was opened at Montreal February 9th, 1916. Edward A. Evans Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, of this jurisdiction, who was warmly welcomed by the Grand Master.

Soon after his election to the office of Grand Master M. W. Bro. Evans suffered from a very severe attack of pneumonia, which nearly ended his usefulness, and for two weeks he was unconscious; but happily he was restored to his friends.

Owing to the continuance of the war Bro. Evans declined to attend mere social functions, and confined his visits to lodges in which his presence was officially necessary.

One lodge was consecrated during the year.

A circular letter had been issued for the purpose of getting the names of all Masons in the jurisdiction who had volunteered for overseas service. The honor roll, not by any means complete, is printed in the proceedings. It shows that 387 members had enlisted, of whom eight were killed in action, nineteen were wounded, one wounded and missing, one missing, and one a prisoner in Germany.

Among the fraternal dead was Lt. Col. Lacy R. Johnson, a Past Grand Master of Manitoba, but affiliated in Quebec.

Six dispensations had been granted to confer the second and third degrees within the time limit, in all cases for brethren who had joined the Canadian Expeditionary force. Requests for dispensations to accept candidates under twenty-one years of age had been refused in all cases. Also a request to permit a public installation at which ladies or outsiders were to be present.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, of Ottawa, had been appointed representative of Quebec near the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

The Grand Secretary reported that the official travelling receipts had been in active demand.

Respecting the contributions to the various war funds he said:

The total amount received from the lodges in this Province and forwarded to the Canadian Patriotic Fund was \$7,962.85, and to the Red Cross Society, \$3,150.00; and the Belgian Fund, \$704.13. This is irrespective of many amounts forwarded directly and not through this office. The splendid church offering at Sherbrooke being one instance. I have received and there has passed through my hands upwards of \$25,000 from the various branches of the Masonic fraternity for and on account of patriotic purposes since the commencement of the war.

It is evident that the Quebec brethren show their faith by their works.

In response to several applications for fraternal recognition the Committee on Fraternal Relations, of which M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers is chairman, reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Lodges of Queensland and the Philippine Islands, and against recognition of the Mexican Symbolical Rite, the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic, the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, and the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

It is always a pleasure to read the Québec report on Foreign Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Chambers, who has very kindly things to say about this grand jurisdiction. Taking his text from Bro. Greenleaf, of Colorado, Bro. Chambers has a very interesting article on the significancy of the three altar lights asking if there is any symbolism in the mere burning of the candle or lamp as separate from the light given. We cannot see that there is, nor why there should be any. It is possible, though modern Masonry is wholly divorced from dogmatic theology, that the three lights symbolized to our ancient brethren the three Persons of the Trinity; but if that is so they should not be called the three lesser lights.

Lodges in Quebec 66; members 8,368, an increase for the year of 102.

Edward A. Evans, Quebec, Grand Master.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was held at Brisbane August 12th, 1914, for the purpose of investing officers elected for the then ensuing Masonic year. Grand Master A. M. Hertzberg, who had been re-elected, reaffirmed his obligation as Grand Master, and was duly proclaimed, after which the other officers were invested.

The Grand Master said:

Our progress as a Grand Lodge has been well maintained, and our roots as the sovereign Masonic body in this our own country have been still more deeply implanted, and as such received further recognition from our brethren in distant lands. The landmarks of Freemasonry and the high standard our Grand Lodge set itself at its inception have been well and truly maintained, and nothing unworthy of ourselves or of the craft has been allowed to find a place among us.

During the year three new lodges had been warranted.

At a stated communication held September 14, 1914, a letter was received from a lodge recommending that proposals for membership in private lodges should be laid before all the lodges in the jurisdiction before being balloted upon. The lodge was informed that it was not practicable to carry out the suggestion.

At a stated communication held June 14th, 1915, a resolution was adopted requesting lodges in the jurisdiction to contribute to a patriotic fund, and Grand Lodge started the list with a contribution of £100.

The receipts and expenditures appear to have been each about £1,200.

A. M. Hertzberg, Brisbane, Grand Master.

Charles H. Harley, Brisbane, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held at Providence November 16th, 1914. J. Fred Parker Grand Master.

The business transacted was mainly of a routine character. Only one item of it has general interest: In a certain lodge the annual dues were payable in advance; and a by-law was passed authorizing the suspension of members who failed to pay in advance. The Grand Master disallowed the by-law, holding that a member could not be in arrear for dues before the end of the term for which the dues were assessed. The committee on reports of grand officers held that the reason assigned by the Grand Master was not sound, but no action was taken, and the by-law stood disallowed.

The annual communication was held at Providence May 17th, 1915, with the Grand Master, James Fred Parker, presiding in the grand east. He lamented the loss by death of Cyrus Manchester Van Slyck, who was Grand Master in 1897.

In St. John's Lodge, Newport, a candidate was accepted, initiated and passed; but, before the time had arrived for his raising, he was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, found guilty and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. The Master of the lodge asked the Grand Master what was then the standing of the candidate. The latter replied that, not having taken the third degree and signed the by-laws, the candidate had no standing in the lodge. Then he simply resumed his position as a profane. In most jurisdictions, we think, he would be entitled to a Masonic trial before being declared to be without Masonic standing. No man ought to be deprived of a Masonic standing for which he has paid without an opportunity to defend himself. That is civil justice: it ought to be Masonic justice.

Returns from all the lodges, said the Grand Master, showed a large increase in membership throughout the jurisdiction, as well as harmony

Lodges in Rhode Island 37; members 9,194, a gain for the year of 361.

Reuben S. Bemis, Providence, Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was opened at Regina on the 16th of June, 1915. L. T. McDonald Grand Master.

The Mayor of the City of Regina welcomed the members of Grand Lodge to the city, and tendered all sorts of hospitality.

The Grand Master said the year had been a most successful one, from a Masonic standpoint, both financially and numerically. The Grand Lodge had been formed in 1906. There were then twenty-four lodges and about nine hundred members in the province. From that time the growth of Masonry had been in keeping with the development of the province, so that at the close of the Masonic year there had been 116 lodges and 6,705 members. The financial affairs of Grand Lodge were also in good shape. The benevolent fund had \$11,000 to its credit; the war fund amounted to \$3,200; and the balance in bank was sufficient to meet current expenses of Grand Lodge.

He announced the death of M. W. Bro. John Leslie, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, who had the honorary rank of Past Grand Master in Saskatchewan.

He strongly impressed upon the District Deputies the duty of urging upon the lodges throughout the jurisdiction that they must not, under any circumstances, accept inferior material. He said: "No matter how a lodge may be pressed for funds, this is no reason why material other than the very best should be accepted."

He had ruled that a brother who had served a full year as Warden outside the jurisdiction of Saskatchewan was eligible to the position of Worshipful Master, but documentary evidence must be produced that the brother had actually served.

Six lodges had been constituted during the year and three had been continued under dispensation.

An appeal had been sent out for a special war fund. In response \$3,200 had been received, and Bro. McDonald recommended the raising of further funds.

In his concluding remarks Bro. McDonald had some good things to say. Here are two of them:

A man is what he is, not what he says he is; his character is what he is before God; that no man can touch; only he himself can touch it. His reputation is what men say he is; that may be damaged. Reputation is for time; character is for eternity.

In the great light of Masonry we have a perfect standard both of duty and character, that by the influence of both, appealing to the best principles of our nature, we may be roused to the noblest and best efforts. Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort,

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

M. W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. For the most part the report simply records the doings of grand bodies; but when Bro. Gorrell has anything to say he says it in plain English. For example, a brother correspondent had criticized Saskatchewan because it gives affiliated Past Masters from other jurisdictions their proper lodge rank, but denies them seats in Grand Lodge. To which Bro. Gorrell replied: "We can only say that our action is rather in advance than behind some of the Canadian Grand Lodges; but we do not propose to have Grand Lodge overrun with Past Masters who have been educated along different Masonic lines from our own."

Lodges in Saskatchewan 116, including six under dispensation; members 6,705, a gain of 753.

W. M. Thomson, Fort Qu'Appelle, Grand Master.

Rev. W. B. Tate, Regina, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Edinburgh May 6th, 1915. Col. R. King Stewart, Grand Master.

A resolution reported from the Grand Committee to purchase a motor ambulance for the Scottish Branch of the Red Cross Society, at a price of £450, was unanimously adopted.

Notice of motion was given to amend the constitution by adding the following paragraph:

No lodge in Scotland shall be entitled to initiate into Freemasonry any applicant whose domicile is not Scottish (other than a person serving in any branch of his Majesty's Imperial forces), unless such applicant has resided, or has had his place of business, for at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of his application, within the province in which the lodge is situated, or unless, on special cause shown, a dispensation is granted by the Grand Master.

After changing the requirement that residence must be "within the British Isles," the amendment was carried at the November communication.

A question had been asked if, after inspection of the ballot box by the Wardens and Master, brethren might be asked to inspect it; and the Grand Committee recommended a ruling that "The office-bearers responsible for the ballot are the Right Worshipful Master and the two Wardens and no other brother has any right to interfere. Such a practice as that alluded to in the inquiry should not be permitted."

At the quarterly communication held in August the Grand Committee recommended that certain property in Edinburgh owned by Grand Lodge "be insured against air-craft and bombardment risks."

The Provincial Grand Master for Forfarshire, in the course of his report said:

I regret to have to report a heavy drop in the number of intrants during last Masonic year. For the previous three years the number of initiations ranged from 650 to 700, but last year they dropped to 481, owing entirely, I believe, to the influence of the war. The eligible brethren of this province have responded heroically to the call of their King and country, and are bravely doing their bit. Some have made the supreme sacrifice.

Col. R. King Stewart of Murdostoun was unanimously re-elected Grand Master.

The annual communication was held on the 30th November, 1915. The Grand Master elect was installed with imposing ceremonies and the other officers invested.

In the course of his brief address the Grand Master said:

The following is a brief statement of the progress of Scottish Freemasonry during the past year, and the present position of Grand Lodge. The grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year by 8,963 new members, as compared with 10,872 last year. The income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been £8,273 as against £10,173 in the previous year—a decrease of £1,900. In 1914 the income of Grand Lodge was £10,173, and the expenditure £6,820. This year the income is £8,273, and the expenditure £6,494. During 1915 the grants from the benevolent fund have amounted to £780. The sum of £2,985 has been paid to our annuitants this year, and since the formation of the annuity fund in 1889, the sum of £47,700 has been disbursed in this direction. The amount contributed this year to the fund by daughter lodges amounted to £1,736, as compared with £1,712 last year, and for the seventeen years, 1899 to 1915, the subscriptions have amounted to £20,133. The sum of £15 10s. has been contributed this year by provincial Grand Lodges, daughter lodges, and individual brethren towards the building fund of Grand Lodge, which makes a total of £4,750 subscribed in aid of this fund.

Warrants had been issued to ten new lodges, of which three were in Queensland, two in India, two in Scotland, and one each in the Malay States, West Africa, and the Cape of Good Hope. The several funds of Grand Lodge amounted to £110,230, and "the heritable and movable property" to £59,070, making a total of assets amounting to £169,300.

A notice of motion looking to the appointment of investigating committees in all lodges, and strict enquiry into the character of all candidates, was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Col. R. King Stewart of Murdostoun Grand Master.

David Reid, 96 George Street, Edinburgh, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A half yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held at Adelaide October 1st, 1914. Sir Samuel J. Way Grand Master.

A pleasing feature of the communication was the reception of the Grand Master after his severe illness, which ended in the amputation of an arm. The year was eventful for Sir Samuel. First he lost his wife. Then came the illness during which he hovered between life and death. At the semi-annual communication he expressed a hope that he might still, though nearly eighty years of age, continue to perform service to the craft. But on the 8th of January, 1916, he was called to his reward. He was a strong man, prominent in affairs of the state as well as in those of the craft. It is somewhat remarkable that he was not a Past Master of a Lodge when he was elected Grand Master, and became Worshipful Master of his mother lodge after he had borne the higher rank sixteen years.

At the half-yearly communication held April 21st, 1915, grants were made to the Belgian relief fund of £100; to the Grand Lodge of France, to assist in relieving distressed Freemasons, £100, and £50 toward the purchase of a motor ambulance.

In his address the Grand Master said:

Our membership is 5,702. For years we had hoped to reach 4,000; now we have gone beyond, and nearly reached 6,000. We are members of a brotherhood nearly three times as numerous as when this Grand Lodge was established. We have been able to dispense more relief

than in any previous year of our history—(hear, hear)—nearly £1,200. We have a record number of lodges (77) in active work, and our funds exceed £33,000; but I am more proud that we have dispensed about £1200 in charity than of our growth of funds and lodges and temples.

During the year four new lodges had been consecrated, and the total of lodges in the jurisdiction was reported to be 77.

The "digest of proceedings and reports of Sister Grand Lodges" was submitted by a committee, each member doing a part of the work. The review for Canada was done by V. W. Bro. F. Lathlean, who said nice things about this jurisdiction. Of the Canadian volume of proceedings, adorned with the protrait of M. W. Bro. McPherson, he said: "The frontispiece of this excellent volume is a handsome portrait of the Grand Master or we should say a portrait of the handsome Grand Master, who has been elected for a second year." Further he said: "The report of the Board on the condition of Masonry is most able, comprehensive and inspiring."

Lodges in South Australia 999; members at the end of 1914, 5,702.

Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The one hundred and thirty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was opened at Charleston, December 14th, 1915. George T. Bryan Grand Master.

Bro. Bryan was glad to be able to report that the craft in South Carolina was prosperous, was at peace, and was doing the work of Masonry. He said:

It is with sincere pleasure and gratification that I inform you that peace and harmony prevail throughout our entire jurisdiction, and, so far as I am advised, there is not one single case of appeal, or real or fancied grievance, to be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances for investigation and adjustment.

In considering the question of Masonic relief, the Grand Master had reached the conclusion that the system of making individual grants, given according to the needs of the recipients, was better than the housing of the needy in Masonic homes. He said:

We are caring for the Masonic orphans better in the regularly organized charities, or homes of Masons or their own homes, as has seemed best and most expedient by us; we are caring for the Mason, his widow and his orphans, in some instances, at their own homes, where the children are growing up under the sweet and gentle influence of "Mother," we are contributing to the aid and relief of old and indigent Masons and their wives or widows in their own humble homes, or in old home neighborhoods. How much better is this, how much more happiness this gives than separating the children from their mother and her influence, or taking the old and indigent Mason and his wife from their home life and friendly social surroundings, where they are known and loved, and housing them all together in a Masonic home, where the bright and joyous life and noisy mirth of young childhood has to be curbed or repressed if not entirely prohibited, to please the whims and idiosyncrasies of these aged ones, who are in their second childhood?

Six lodges were constituted during the year. Three lodges were continued under dispensation. Seven corner stones were laid by the Grand Master.

A circular letter had been issued warning brethren against the impudent solicitations of the sturdy beggars from Ohio who ask for money ostensibly for the purpose of building a monument to ex-President McKinley.

The Grand Master refused to grant permission to a lodge at Cody, Wyoming, to send letters to lodges in South Carolina asking for assistance in building a Masonic temple. He was right.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. A. Lemon had been appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

A brother reported that he had in his possession a printed document showing that the Grand Lodge was holding its one hundred and seventy-ninth annual communication instead of its one hun-

dred and thirty-ninth. A committee was appointed "to look into the matter of the age of the Grand Lodge and fully report to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication." It would be well for Massachusetts and Pennsylvania to look to their laurels. If the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was formed in 1736, nineteen years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, both of those venerable sisters will look like modern upstarts.

The readable, breezy and every-way commendable report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. J. L. Michie. It was his sixth report. He rather wondered at the "very full and complete returns" of district deputies in this jurisdiction, and copied the table appended to one of those reports "to show South Carolina deputies what is required by these officers in Canada." Well, Brother Michie, that is what we have them for.

Lodges in South Carolina 259, including five under dispensation; members 16,712, a gain for the year of 438.

R. A. Cooper, Laurens, Grand Master.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The forty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was opened at Sioux Falls June 8th, 1915. George Philip Grand Master.

Members of Grand Lodge were welcomed to Sioux Falls by the Masters of the local lodges; and, in closing his response to the address of welcome, the Grand Master, paraphrasing Burns's lines, said:

When death's dark stream I ferry o'er,
A time that surely shall come,
In Heaven itself I'll ask no more
Than just a Sioux Falls welcome.

In his formal address to Grand Lodge he said it was very gratifying to be able to report that peace, harmony and Masonic kindness prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. He added:

Well may American manhood and American fraternalism proudly claim a place in the sun because, today, this country is extending to a world at war, and will continue so to do, the helping hand to support a falling brother.

He had constituted four new lodges during the year.

He had refused all requests to confer degrees out of time, believing that the Masonic degrees should not be given or received lightly, and that they are worth waiting for the statutory time.

He had presided at three emergent communications for the purpose of laying corner stones, two of them those of Masonic halls.

At the last annual communication of Grand Lodge the dues of subordinate lodges were increased to provide a "grand charity fund." The result was satisfactory, more than \$5,500 having been received during the year, and that amount, the Grand Master said, "will in a few years raise the fund to very respectable proportions." A sum of \$17,153 is now in the fund, and Bro. Philip thinks the question of Grand Lodge benevolence has been solved.

In the course of an excellent report the Grand Secretary said:

The suggestion has been made in many quarters that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be not published in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge. The thought is thus forcibly expressed by one: "Masonry is neither a reform school, nor a criminal court to air the offences of its members. It is humiliating enough to know that in the fraternity there are those who disgrace its fair name, and bring to us the blush of shame; but let us stop publishing it to the public."

Few Masons like the idea of washing dirty linen in public; but it should be borne in mind that the proceedings of Grand Lodges are seen by very few outside of the craft, and it is important that members of the craft, and especially officers of

lodges, should be furnished with the names of those who have been suspended or expelled.

M. W. Bro. Samuel A. Brown continues the report on Correspondence. He has succeeded in getting the pictures of a great majority of his fellow correspondents; but it is to be noted that he makes his own picture bigger than those of any of the others. If that sort of "invidious distinction" is to prevail very serious consequences are likely to follow.

Lodges in Dakota 142; members 11,163, a gain of 433 for the year.

Marshall R. Brown, Sioux Falls, Grand Master.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was held at Hobart February 24th, 1916. Sir William Ellison Macartney Grand Master.

The Board of General Purposes reported that a roll recording the names of brethren who had joined the expeditionary forces of Tasmania had been prepared, and that additions to it were constantly being made, as new recruits were obtained. The Board added:

The proposal to eliminate or reduce the cost of refreshments at our monthly meetings, devoting the savings to the Red Cross Fund, was most heartily taken up by the lodges, and it is gratifying to note that up to the 31st December last the amount of £150 14s. 9d. had been contributed towards the excellent object of providing comforts for sick or wounded soldiers.

The Board of Benevolence reported funds on hand, including investments and balance in bank, amounting to nearly £20,000.

A resolution was offered that, during the continuance of the war, lodges be exempt from pay-

ment of Grand Lodge dues on account of brethren serving at the front; but it was decided that, under the wording of the constitution, the exemption could not be made.

There is a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, but the members of the committee having the work in charge are not named.

Sir William Ellison Macartney was unanimously re-elected Grand Master. In the course of a brief address he said:

The reports which have been laid before Grand Lodge from the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence indicate that the general position of the craft is satisfactory. With regard to the report of the Grand Treasurer, though the financial position is not alarming, I think he is justified in considering it as not quite satisfactory.

He added that the financial position of the great majority of the constituent lodges was excellent; but it is evident that Grand Lodge is compelled to exercise great prudence in order to keep up its work of benevolence and pay current expenses.

Lodges in Tasmania 31; number of members not stated.

Sir William Ellison Macartney, Hobart, Grand Master.

John Hamilton, Hobart, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The one hundred and second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was opened at Nashville January 26th, 1916. T. A. Hisey Grand Master.

Of the condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction Bro. Hisey said: "Peace and prosperity prevail in Tennessee. New lodge rooms and a magnificent temple have been completed and dedicated last year. The membership has increased in a sub-

stantial manner both in number and in the quality and character of men admitted to the order."

Bro. Hisey said: "The first administrative act the Grand Master was called upon to perform was the raising of some money for the payment of taxes and insurance upon the property of the widow and daughter of a distinguished brother Mason of Tennessee." The money was raised by special appeal to selected lodges in the eastern, middle and western parts of the state.

During the year Grand Lodge had suffered the loss by death of its very able and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. John B. Garrett, and Bro. Stith M. Cain was appointed by the Grand Master Grand Secretary pro tem. Bro. Cain was elected at the annual communication, and is now the permanent Grand Secretary.

No less than three Past Grand Masters died during the year. They were (1) Henry Hurlburt Ingersoll, who was Grand Master in 1888; (2) John T. Williamson, who was Grand Master in 1889; and (3) Newton McConnell, who was Grand Master in 1883.

The Grand Master had issued a warning circular advising the brethren not to be gulled by a series of chain letters emanating from Ohio; begging money ostensibly for the erection of a monument to President McKinley. He pointed out that this scheme had not the approval of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and that endeavors had been made by the United States postal authorities to have all answers to the chain letters stopped and returned to the senders.

The Grand Master of South Carolina had asked how long a time Tennessee claimed jurisdiction over rejected material which had removed from the state. To which Bro. Hisey had replied: "The laws passed by any Grand Lodge are for the government of its own subordinate lodges, and not to control the action of any other grand jurisdictions." He added: "The sovereignty that Tennessee claims

for herself in her own domain she freely concedes to her sister jurisdictions in their own domain."

Applications for admission to the Masonic home were in excess of the capacity of the house, and the revenues of the home were not sufficient for current needs. He therefore recommended that the per capita tax be increased to \$1.50, of which one dollar was to be for the exclusive use of the home and fifty cents for the use of the Grand Lodge. The recommendation, however, was not approved by Grand Lodge, and the per capita tax remains at \$1.25.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. H. A. Chambers, chairman of the committee. It is a good report, summarizing well the doings of all Grand Lodges whose proceedings had been received. In his preliminary review of the Masonic situation Bro. Chambers said:

One thing that stands out with commanding prominence, as it did last year, is the universal, helpful and generous benevolence exhibited by Masons everywhere toward the suffering caused by the war. The true Masonic spirit is not dead. On the contrary, the crying needs of these war-afflicted times have awakened, emphasized and made active the helpful sympathies of the entire Masonic world. This is especially noticeable among the Masons of the United States of America. And yet, while helping with liberal hand the victims of the foreign war, they have not neglected their home charities, but, on the contrary, have increased them.

Lodges in Tennessee 458; members 28,300, a gain of 219.

Charles Barham, Nashville, Grand Master.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The eightieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was opened at Waco on the 7th of December, 1915. Jewel P. Lightfoot Grand Master.

A pleasing feature of the opening ceremonies was the presentation to Grand Lodge and welcome by the Grand Master of twenty-eight brethren, all delegates to Grand Lodge, who had been Masons forty years or more. The oldest was Bro. John M. Siddall, who was eighty years of age, had been a Mason fifty-three years, and had attended Grand Lodge for thirty years.

The Grand Master was gratified to report that Grand Lodge was in peace and harmony with the entire Masonic world, and that relations with all sister jurisdictions were of the most cordial nature. Within the jurisdiction the lodges were at peace and were prosperous.

Two Past Grand Masters were called to their reward during the year. M. W. Bro. Augustus Weyman Houston was born in 1850, was made a Mason in 1872, and after filling subordinate Grand Lodge offices, was elected Grand Master in 1913. He died on the 21st of February, 1915, and was buried by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge. M. W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin Frymier was born in 1837, was made a Mason in 1870, and became Grand Master in 1893.

The old and troublesome question of jurisdiction over material rejected in one state and accepted in another was before the Grand Master. A lodge in Louisiana had accepted and initiated a candidate who had been rejected by a Texas lodge, but who had resided in Louisiana long enough to acquire a residence under the Masonic law of Louisiana. The Texas lodge protested. The Grand Master of Louisiana replied:

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana holds that it has exclusive jurisdiction over bona fide residents of the state of Louisiana, and when any such who have received any of the degrees of Masonry depart permanently from the state, it claims no jurisdiction over them; and, on the other hand, considers that any citizen coming to this state, no matter from where, and under what conditions, who has acquired a residence and general qualifications required for membership in our lodges, he falls within our jurisdiction, without regard to what the laws or usages of the jurisdiction from which he hails may be in this respect.

There was further correspondence, and the incident was not closed.

A jurisdictional controversy had also arisen with Kentucky. A member of a Kentucky lodge resident in Texas was expelled by a Texas lodge. The Grand Master of Kentucky remonstrated. While he did not deny that the brother in question might have deserved expulsion, he claimed that the Texas lodge had no power to expel, especially as Texas does not recognize the right of other grand jurisdictions to do likewise. The Kentucky lodge was notified that the expulsion was not to be held legal.

A protest had been received from "The Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines, No. 2," against the establishment of "The Entitled Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands," affirming that the latter body had invaded territory in which a grand body already existed. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against entertaining the protest, first, because the Regional Grand Lodge professed to have been established by the Grand Orient of Spain, a body not recognized by any Grand Lodge in the United States or any other English-speaking country as a body of craft Masons; second, that the proceedings of the Grand Orient of Spain do not show that any regional grand body was ever established in the Philippines; and, third, that, if any such regional or provincial grand lodge had been established, it would not be entitled to claim the territory as a sovereign body, and therefore the Philippine Islands at the time of their conquest by the United States were, Masonically, unoccupied territory.

The Masonic law of Texas requires what is called physical perfection in candidates. But the Grand Master may grant dispensations to accept those who are not "perfect youth." Bro. Lightfoot exercised this power in forty-eight instances. For example he permitted the initiation of a man who had lost the little toe of his left foot, and of one who had the first joint of his left hand bent down-

ward. But he would not permit the acceptance of a man who had lost the first joint of a little finger of his right hand.

Strange all this difference there should be
'Twixt tweedledum and tweedledee.

Twelve lodges had been constituted during the year.

M. W. Bro. George W. Tyler again presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, and it would hardly be an exaggeration to call it an exhaustive report: It fills 350 pages, and each page is interesting. In his concluding remarks Bro. Tyler said:

It is for the thinking Masons of today to consider whether the fraternity in all its ancient vigor, will survive on mere "ritualism" alone, or whether there must be in addition, an educational advance on the line of teaching to the novitiate the origin and history of the craft and of imbuing him with a sublime admiration for its traditions, its beauties and its beneficence in the experiences of mankind.

One great trouble with Masonry in the United States and Canada is that the lodges are too big. Members do not know each other, and there is not the intimate friendship there should be. Again, the officers of the lodges are so busy working degrees they have no time for anything else. But the evil is incorporated with our system, and it is not probable that it ever can be eliminated.

Lodges in Texas 884; members 65,809, an increase for the year of 2,159.

Dan S. McMillan, Whiteright, Grand Master.

W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The one hundred and twenty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was opened at Burlington June 9th, 1915. Charles H. Darling Grand Master. Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Bro. Everett C. Benton, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

The address of the Grand Master was mainly occupied with matters of local interest only. The growth of the order in Vermont, he said, had been steady, healthy and uninterrupted. He added that there had been no scandal connected with the Grand Lodge or with any subordinate lodge, and nothing to look back upon with any special regret. He had officiated at dedications of several Masonic buildings and had attended the one hundredth anniversary of Missisquoi Lodge No. 9. But the current of Masonic events in the jurisdiction had been uniformly placid and uneventful.

The Committee on Grievances reported that no grievance had been presented for consideration.

M. W. Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the report on Correspondence, which is comprehensive, well written and very interesting. Of early lodges in Vermont he says:

Two of the five original lodges in Vermont derived their origin from the so-called Ancients, viz.: "Vermont Lodge," of Springfield, later Windsor, and old "North Star Lodge," of Manchester, both chartered by "Massachusetts Grand Lodge"—mark the distinction, not St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge. A third lodge, Dorchester, of Vergennes, received its charter from Sir John Johnson, Bart., "Grand Master of the Province of Quebec." The other two old lodges, however, Temple at Bennington, and Union at Middlebury can trace their origin, through Connecticut, to St. John's Lodge.

Under the head of Scotland, Bro. Perkins says:

At the May quarterly Grand Lodge followed the example of England in recognizing and providing for an exchange of representatives with the so-called new Grand Lodge in France. Most consistent, indeed, in extending recognition to a small coterie of seceders from the Grand Orient of France, and persistent, even contemptuous refusal of the same to regularly organized Australasian grand bodies of unquestioned legitimacy!

There is this difference between the two cases: All Masonic intercourse between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Orient of France had been cut off. France, therefore, was regarded as unoccupied territory. When a body claiming to practice legitimate Masonry was established in the

republic there was no reason why it should not be recognized. In Queensland the case was different. There about one fourth of all the lodges established a Grand Lodge, and strove to force the other three fourths to join them. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland had recognized the new body it would have forced its own lodges out of its fold against their will. It was probably a mistake, or at least premature, to recognize so feeble a body as the New National and Independent Grand Lodge of France; but that does not affect the point raised by Bro. Perkins.

Lodges in Vermont 103; members 14,055, a gain of 181.

Charles H. Darling, Burlington, Grand Master.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Victoria was held at Melbourne March 17th, 1915. The Hon. C. Carty-Salmon Grand Master.

Announcement was made that £200 had been sent to Sir Edward Letchworth for the relief of Belgian and French sufferers by the war.

The income of Grand Lodge had increased from £8,885 in 1910 to £10,367 in 1914; and the membership had grown from 11,728 in the former year to 15,220 in the latter. In 1914 the net increase was 1,027.

The Grand Master said that, Masonically speaking, the year had been one of progress and advancement. The high level of Masonic endeavor and fraternal achievement had been maintained. In closing he said:

May I express a hope that, with regard to Masonic life, our progress may be greater than ever. Do not go out with the idea of breaking records, but go out with the idea of increasing in the knowledge and practice of those Masonic virtues which we are taught to admire. Let us always remember that our duty does not end with the members of

the craft. It certainly begins with ourselves and our brethren; but those virtues should reach and influence all those with whom we come in contact, so that, at the last, peace, love and harmony should reign supreme in a world where the true brotherhood of man has complete recognition.

A quarterly communication was held June 16th 1915.

The Board of General Purposes had been authorized to expend £1,000 for patriotic purposes, and at this communication authority to expend a further sum of £1,000 was given. Lodges had contributed £1,456, and £100 had been raised by a concert.

It was reported that 272 enlistments of Masons had been notified by lodges, of whom seven had been killed in action, and eight wounded.

The third quarterly communication was held September 15th, 1915.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

From the report of the President of the Board of General Purposes we take the following extracts:

Four hundred and eighty members of subordinate lodges had been reported as enlisted for active service. Of these 20 had been killed in action or died of wounds, and 30 had been reported as wounded. Grand Lodge had contributed £1,200 to the various war funds, including £250 to the Australian Red Cross Sick and Wounded Fund. Subordinate lodges had contributed £317 19s. to the Belgian General Relief Fund (of which sum £400 had been sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England for distribution). Subordinate lodges had also contributed over £1,200 to the various war funds throughout the state.

The fourth quarterly communication was held December 15th, 1915.

The Hon. C. Carty-Salmon was re-elected Grand Master.

The Freemasons' Hall Property, with its bank balance, was reported to be worth £44,841; and the general and benevolent funds of Grand Lodge amounted to £45,367.

Charles James Barrow, Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, 45 Collins Street, Melbourne.

VIRGINIA.

The one hundred and thirty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was opened at Richmond February 8th, 1916. R. W. Bro. James Alston Cabell, Deputy Grand Master in the East.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James B. Wood, had suffered from severe illness during the greater part of the year, and his physician had sent him to Arkansas to recuperate. The duties of his office were undertaken by the Deputy Grand Master, evidently a skilled workman. A resolution of sympathy was sent to Bro. Wood at Hot Springs.

The Grand Master was asked, "How long are lodges in your jurisdiction authorized to claim jurisdiction over rejected material after removal from the State?" The answer was, "We do not claim jurisdiction after the party leaves our State."

The Grand Treasurer had been requested to remit \$500 to the Masonic War Relief Association.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of three new lodges.

The District Deputy Grand Masters in general made very short reports. The following, from the Twenty-third District, which we quote in full, is a model of brevity: "I have visited all the lodges in the district except one, and find them in a flourishing condition."

M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston submitted the full and highly interesting report on Foreign Correspondence.

In his introductory remarks Bro. Eggleston appears to think that the York Grand Lodge of "All-England" and the Ancients or Atholl Grand Lodge were the same body. This is an error. A lodge at York, which had existed from "time im-

memorial," declared itself, in 1725, to be a grand lodge, under the title of "The Grand Lodge of All England." It maintained a precarious existence until 1740, when it suspended active operations. In 1761 it resumed labor and continued a fitful activity until 1790, when it lapsed into "innocuous desuetude." The Ancient or Atholl Grand Lodge was formed at London in 1751 by lodges which seceded from the regular Grand Lodge of England. It called itself "The Grand Lodge of England According to the Ancient Constitutions." Its members also spoke of themselves as "Ancient York Masons," but subsequently dropped the phrase. It maintained an active existence until 1813, when it united with the original Grand Lodge to form the present United Grand Lodge of England.

The term "York Masonry" has no warrant in Masonic history. The story of Prince Edwin, the son of Athelstan, and of the "General Lodge" at York in 926, is purely legendary; and in fact King Athelstan had no son. All Masonry in the territories now constituting the United States and in Canada was established by either the "Modern" or "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England; and both these bodies were formed in London.

Bro. Eggleston is surprised to learn that a "lewis" could not be accepted in this jurisdiction; "for," he says, "England permits a lewis, or son of a Mason, to be initiated at eighteen." The Constitution in this jurisdiction requires that a candidate, at the time of signing his application, must be of the full age of twenty-one years. It is worthy of note that the first constitution of England (1723) required a candidate to be twenty-five years of age.

Lodges in Virginia 323; members 25,531, a gain of 665.

James Alston Cabell, Columbia, Grand Master.

Charles A. Nesbit, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

The fifty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington was opened at North Yakima June 8th, 1915. William J. Sutton Grand Master.

The Mayor of the city welcomed the members of Grand Lodge in a brilliant address, in the course of which, quoting from Henry Watterson, he said: "We turn over to you our houses and horses; and there is the jug and the sugar and the ice and the mint. We even surrender to you the hip-pocket playthings with which we are wont sometimes to amuse ourselves; and if you can't make yourselves at home and pass the time pleasantly may the Lord have mercy on your souls." The Mayor added that he might not go quite so far as that; but, as he explained that North Yakima was "situated in the largest single irrigated district in the world," we may be as sure that it is not to be classed as a dry town.

The Grand Master reported cordial fraternal relations with all sister jurisdictions.

During the year he had constituted four lodges, dedicated two Masonic temples, laid six corner stones, and issued dispensations for the formation of three new lodges.

He had ruled that installations of officers could not be held on Sunday, even though St. John's day might fall on Sunday; and that a man who had resided one year within the jurisdiction might be accepted by a lodge in Washington, though he had been rejected by another lodge in another jurisdiction.

He had arrested the charter of one lodge for gross violation of Masonic law.

An appeal had been issued for contributions in aid of suffering Masons and their families in the war zone, which met with a "ready and generous response."

Of the Masonic home the Grand Secretary reported as follows:

Our home fund is in fine shape, as you will observe from my statement of accounts. The income for the support of the home, including contributions from the order of the Eastern Star, was about \$1,000.00 in excess of expenditures which include about \$3,000.00 expended for permanent improvements, thus showing that the income exceeds maintenance expenses by about \$4,000.00.

There were 24 inmates of the home at the beginning of the year and 37 at the close. The cost of maintenance was \$8,471.

The report on Correspondence was continued by M. W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster, who again dealt with matters which came before him by subjects and not by grand bodies. This method has some advantages, the chief one being the saving of space.

Bro. McAllaster holds that a petitioner for the privileges of Masonry should be of the full age of twenty-one years when he signs his application, and adds: "We believe this to be Masonic law." It is Masonic law in this jurisdiction, but not in all. In some jurisdictions a lewis, that is the son of a Mason, will be accepted at eighteen years of age. According to the first English constitution no man under twenty-five years of age could be initiated except by dispensation of the Grand Master.

Lodges in Washington 190; members 20,724, a gain for the year of 1,182.

Robert L. Sebastian, Aberdeen, Grand Master.

- Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly communications of Grand Lodge of Western Australia were held at Kalgoorlie July 23rd, 1914, and at Perth, October 22nd, 1914, with M. W. Bro. C. O. L. Riley presiding. At the second of these the Grand Master was heartily congratulated by the brethren on his recent eleva-

tion to the ecclesiastical rank of archbishop. Referring to the war—and thoughts of the war are uppermost in men's minds just now—the Grand Master said:

Everyone, now, except the Austrians and the Germans, know perfectly well that England is not fighting for herself alone but for those ideals for which the race has been renowned for centuries upon centuries. We believe that we are fighting now for the weak against the strong; we are fighting now for our honor, we have pledged our word, and an Englishman's word was supposed to be his bond, and, if we had broken our word now, then that old phrase of our race would certainly never be given to us again.

A quarterly communication was held at Perth January 28th, 1915. In his address the Grand Master referred to the attitude of German Grand Lodges just before the breaking out of the great war. The chief officers of those bodies must have been, he said, in the secrets of the political powers of the empire, for they strove to bias the minds of Masons against pacific declarations; and they presented to the annual diet of German Grand Masters the following resolution:

It is within the province of Freemasonry to intervene in all phases of human life as a medium of peace and conciliation. It is therefore its duty to bring every civilized people to an understanding of, and respect for, the peculiarities of other peoples and to prepare a pacific solution of unavoidable conflicts. But the activities of Masonic organizations must be limited in these matters to an education of its members in the spirit of Freemasonry, so that they may spread the idea of peace as widely as possible. Any other mode of activity would result in political tendencies, to which Masonry, by the terms of its fundamental principles, must remain foreign. It does not, therefore, belong to the domain of Masonry to support directly the modern pacific movement, called Pacifism. Therefore, this Diet of Grand Lodges invites the German Grand Lodges and Masonic associations to abstain from expressing any opinion in favor of pacifism. The brethren will not be individually forbidden to adhere to pacifism on condition that they are not on such occasions to be publicly known as Freemasons.

Two things are evident—that the German Grand Masters knew the Kaiser had resolved on war, and that German Masonry obeys the will of the Kaiser.

The annual communication was held at Perth April 22nd, 1915. The Grand Master congratulated

the brethren that for the thirteenth year in succession not a single lodge was in arrear. The finances were in good shape, with about £165,000 in the various funds.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by a Committee, each member doing part of the work. That on Canada was written by R. W. Bro. F. A. McMullen, who is a kindly reviewer. Of this jurisdiction he said: "The financial statements disclose that the revenue for the year was £9,448; expenditure £3,480; surplus £5,962." He might have added that the whole of the surplus was used for the needs of the benevolent fund, and so ceased to be a surplus at all.

Lodges in Western Australia 96; members 4,119, a gain of 77.

C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master.

J. D. Stevenson, Perth, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was opened at Fairmount November 19th, 1915. William T. Ice, Jr., Grand Master.

Harmony, peace and plenty, said the Grand Master, had reigned throughout the jurisdiction.

One lodge under dispensation had been duly constituted.

Many corner stones had been laid by the Grand Master in person or by his proxy; but in two instances he had refused to convene Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying corner stones for churches on Sunday.

A very interesting event was the semi-centennial celebration of Fairmount Lodge, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. In consequence of the

civil war the state of Virginia was divided into two, and West Virginia was admitted to the Union as a state in 1863. In June, 1864, the Grand Lodge was formed, with eight constituent lodges.

In reply to an enquiry the Grand Master had decided that a lodge in West Virginia could not legally accompany the remains of a deceased brother into another grand jurisdiction and there perform the burial ceremony.

He had also decided that a member of a lodge could object to the initiation of a candidate in another lodge having concurrent jurisdiction, that the objection must be sustained, and that the reasons of the objector could not be demanded. That appears to be a very dangerous rule to establish, for it would permit a member of one lodge to forbid all initiations in a rival lodge.

Past Grand Master Judge George W. Anderson delivered a very interesting address upon the history of the Grand Lodge. In the course of it he said:

This Grand Lodge has thus far never seriously considered the establishing of a Masonic home for its aged and needy members, their widows and orphans, not because of parsimony but because (1), it is not financially able, as a Grand Lodge, to support such an institution, and also (2), because, with a few exceptions, it has, through its subordinate lodges, been able to render the necessary aid to any and all of its members actually in need of assistance.

And what more is necessary, or even desirable?

Lodges in West Virginia 150, including two under dispensation; members 18,827, a gain for the year of 1,073.

T. Wilbur Hennen, Fairmount, Grand Master.

John M. Collins, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

On the 27th of April, 1916, West Virginia lost by death one of its most useful Past Grand Masters M. W. Bro. George Hatch, who was born in Ohio, lived the greater part of his life at Wheeling, was there made a Mason and became Master of his

lodge. He soon took an active interest in the affairs of Grand Lodge, and was elected Grand Master in 1903.

WISCONSIN.

The seventy-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was opened at Milwaukee June 8th, 1915. Bernard F. Keeler, Grand Master.

Bro. Keeler had been asked to appeal for the aid of distressed brethren, their widows and orphans in the war zone. But there were circumstances in connection therewith which made him hesitate, "circumstances," he said, "which were of such a character that I felt I could not co-operate with the movement and be just to the brethren." Yes, it was very sad, the perplexing position in which Bro. Keeler found himself.

He was called upon to deplore the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Edwin J. Farr, who was born in 1832, had been a Mason 57 years, was Grand Master in 1906, and died in 1914, at the age of eighty-two years.

Of the Grand Master's rulings we notice two:

1. It would be unmasonic to organize a Masonic ball team and call it "The Masonic Baseball Club."
2. All present at an election of officers cannot be compelled to vote.

Of the condition of Masonry in Wisconsin the Grand Master said:

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that on January 1, 1915, the total membership in the state was 30,551. The membership Jan. 1, 1914, was 29,243. The growth calls for an expression of satisfaction, for it indicates a healthy sentiment in favor of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction. It also evidences a following of the rule of non-solicitation, for it is manifest to me that with a seeking after members the number would be very much augmented. My attention has been called, at different times, to a tendency in some lodges to violate the spirit of this rule, if not the letter. I trust the officers in attendance on the Grand

Lodge will caution their membership against letting their enthusiasm tempt them to solicitation.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of six new lodges.

A service for use in cases in which the remains of brethren are cremated was presented, and will be considered at the next annual communication.

There has been some friendly litigation as to the status of the Masonic home. Apparently the desire is that the title to the home shall be vested in Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge shall assume liability for the support of the inmates. On recommendation of the proper committee it was agreed that when the property is finally deeded to Grand Lodge, an assessment will levied upon the members throughout the jurisdiction amounting to sixty cents, of which fifty cents shall be for the maintenance of the home and ten cents for general benevolence.

Past Master David H. Wright, who was almost ninety-five years of age, was accorded the grand honors of Masonry.

M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his eighteenth report on Foreign Correspondence, which, as usual, is full and good. Referring to the erection of a memorial to Bro. Ziba Phillips in Canada Bro. Jenks said:

A graceful act was performed in appropriating money for a monument to be erected at the grave of a deceased worthy brother. Our Canadian brethren have never been wanting in the discharge of their duty to the living or the dead.

On the subject of Masonic homes he said:

The grand jurisdictions maintaining Masonic homes seem to be well satisfied in the main with their operations and proud of the work they are doing. We notice, however, that it is with some difficulty that the craft are induced to tax themselves sufficiently to meet the annual expense and there is a constant solicitation of funds in that behalf.

Lodges in Wisconsin 271; members 30,551, a gain for the year of 1,308.

George O. Kellogg, Elkhorn, Grand Master.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

The forty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was opened at Casper September 8th, 1915. J. J. Jewett Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Rohrbaugh, who was at the time Mayor of Casper, welcomed Grand Lodge to the city.

The Grand Master noted the loss by death of two prominent and valuable members of Grand Lodge—M. W. Bro. Frank M. Foote, Past Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, who had for many years been Grand Secretary and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Master had given his sanction to an appeal for funds in aid of sufferers by the war in Europe. No final returns had been received, but the work was progressing and funds were reaching the proper officer.

The Grand Master recommended legislation providing that no subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction should be permitted to commence the erection of a Masonic building without the consent of Grand Lodge. He said: "We are responsible for the actions of our subordinate lodges; therefore we should be in a position to advise and assist before a lodge starts."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

On report of the proper committee it was resolved to establish a card index system.

Bro. J. M. Lowndes, the new Grand Secretary, is also the new chairman of the Committee on

Foreign Correspondence. He gives evidence of ability and grasp of the subject. Apparently he forgot the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Lodges in Wyoming 34; members 3,316, a gain of 126.

W. H. Dickenson, Lander, Grand Master.

J. M. Lowndes, Casper, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

All proceedings received up to the time at which it becomes necessary to close the report have been reviewed. They are sixty-six in number, one of them for two years.

Landmarks.

In 1914 a suggestion was made by this correspondent—hesitatingly and tentatively put forth—that the landmarks of Masonry had been misunderstood, especially on this continent; and that, in fact, there never had been any Masonic landmarks except those safeguarding the reserved rights of the four old lodges which formed the first Grand Lodge of England. The suggestion was made with a view of getting opinions and comments from brother correspondents and possibly from others. But the attempt was a failure; except for a few brief passing notices the overture met with no response.

It has been pointed out that when Anderson used the word landmarks in article XXXIX. of the first Book of Constitutions, he meant figuratively the posts or signs which marked the bounds of lodges, and that the proviso made in article XXXIX. was a stipulation that in any future amendments to the constitution the reserved rights of the old lodges must not be impaired. It is also possible that the peculiar customs of the operative lodges were to be

secured to them. It is in evidence that for some time the old lodges exercised their reserved rights, notably in the particular of attending the communications of Grand Lodge and scrutinizing the elections of Grand Masters. In a few years the old lodges fell into decay with the exception of St. Paul's, the reserved rights ceased to have much value, and the meaning of the word landmarks was forgotten. The term continued to be employed, but in a vague and indefinite way, as a name for the general principles of the fraternity.

And so the matter stood for a century and a quarter. In 1858 Dr. A. G. Mackey came to the conclusion that "a comprehensible form" should be given to the landmarks, and he elaborated a list of twenty-five, which list has been generally, but not wholly, accepted by Grand Lodges in the United States. Dr. Mackey said the first requisite of a custom or rule of action to constitute it a landmark was that it must have existed from "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." The second was that it must be absolutely unchangeable. To use his own language, "The landmarks of the order, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, can suffer no change. What they were centuries ago they still remain, and must continue in force until Masonry itself shall cease to exist."

Now a very superficial glance at Dr. Mackey's landmarks will satisfy the observer that they do not meet his own requirements. For example, his second landmark is "the division of symbolic Masonry into three degrees," while it is well known that three degrees in craft Masonry did not exist till after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. Another of his landmarks is "the government of a fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the craft." Again it is quite certain that, previous to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, there was no Grand Master elected from the body of the craft. Indeed, there was no Grand Master at all in the modern sense of the term.

In the year 1911 Bro. Axel J. A. Poignant read a paper before the lodge Quatuor Coronati, in which he asserted that not one of Mackey's twenty-five landmarks was a landmark at all; that no two writers could be found to agree as to the character of the landmarks, and that in fact the landmarks were neither more nor less than the moral teachings of the fraternity. In the discussion which followed the reading of the paper, and in the written criticisms afterwards sent in by leading students of Masonry in England, not one ventured to say what the landmarks really were. And the more a man knows about Masonry the less disposed is he to be dogmatic on this subject. If we have ventured to express an opinion that possibly the term had no meaning except the safeguarding of the reserved rights of the old lodges, and possibly the customs of operative Masonry, it has not been put forth as a settled conviction, but at the best as a plausible conjecture. In support of that conjecture much may be said. At present we shall content ourselves with saying that such was the assertion of members of the old lodge of St. Paul. In 1778 there was an unfortunate disagreement in that lodge, resulting in a division. The one party applied to the so-called Grand Lodge of All England, then in existence at York, for a warrant. In the statement made in support of their application the brethren of St. Paul's Lodge said:

“And whereas in the year 1717, the fraternity in London agreed to cement under a new Grand Master, and with that view the old Lodge of St. Paul, jointly with three other lodges, assembled in form, constituted themselves a nominal Grand Lodge pro tempore, and elected a Grand Master to preside over their future general meetings, whom they afterwards invested with a power to constitute subordinate lodges and to convene the fraternity at stated periods in Grand Lodge, in order to make laws, with their consent and approbation, for the good government of the society at large. But subject to certain conditions and restrictions then expressly stipulated, and which are more fully set

forth in the thirty-ninth article of the General Regulations in the first Book of Constitutions. This article, with thirty-eight others, was afterwards, at a meeting of the brethren in and about the cities of London and Westminster, in the year 1721, solemnly approved of, ratified and confirmed by them, and signed in their presence by the Masters and Wardens of the four old lodges on the one part, and Philip, Duke of Wharton, then Grand Master, Dr. Desaguliers, D.G.M.; Joshua Timson and William Hawkins, Grand Wardens, and the Masters and Wardens of sixteen lodges which had been constituted by the fraternity betwixt 1717 and 1721, on the other part. And these articles the Grand Master engaged for himself and his successors, when duly installed, in all time coming, to observe and keep sacred and inviolable. By these prudent precautions the Ancient Landmarks (as they are properly styled) of the four old lodges were intended to be secured against any encroachments on their Masonic rights and privileges."

And there we have it in black and white. That was written by members of the only survivor of the four time-immemorial lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of England, and it was written fifty-seven years after the adoption of the first constitution, and eighty years before Dr. Mackey formulated his first list of landmarks.

Giblim.

In First Kings, fifth chapter and eighteenth verse, the Hebrew word Giblim is translated "stone-squarers." There is little if any doubt that the Phenician workmen called Giblim who wrought at the building of King Solomon's temple were stone cutters; but it is quite certain that the word Giblim does not mean stone-squarers. In Hebrew (also in Phenician) the word gebal meant mountain, and it is possible that the giblim were mountaineers. But near the foot of Mount Libanus, a little

north of the present Beirut, was the ancient Phenician city of Gebal. It was a seat of the worship of Adonis, and temples and other stately buildings were erected there; so that the builders and stone-workers of the city were proficient workmen.

King Solomon asked King Hiram of Tyre to permit the servants of Solomon to cut timber in Mount Libanus, and to assist them by sending his own Phenician servants, because there were none who could skill to hew timber like the Sidonians. King Hiram acceded to the request, and Solomon paid the Phenician workmen in corn and wine and oil. It is probable that the King of Tyre not only sent his hewers of wood into the mountains to cut the timber, but that he sent stone cutters to Jerusalem to dress the material for the house of the Lord. The King James version of the bible tells that "the King commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stone-squarers; so they prepared timber and stones to build the house." Sharpe's translation gives the passage thus: "And the King commanded and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders, and Hiram's builders, and the men of Gebal (or Byblus) did hew them. So they prepared timber and stones to build the house." There is not a reasonable doubt that the Giblim were inhabitants of Gebal, who were stone-cutters by trade.

A survey of the whole field of Masonry in English-speaking countries leads to a conclusion that Masonry is more than making progress proportionate to the growth of population. In no jurisdiction has there been a loss of membership: in almost all there has been great numerical gain. In the great majority of the jurisdictions, we are told, there is substantial improvement in the quality of the material accepted. In almost all there is evidence

of liberal contributions of money and effort in behalf of the needy and the sorrowing. Everywhere there is desire among Masons, and especially among young Masons, to learn more of the history and of the basic principles of Masonry. Everywhere there is hope that Masonry may become a power in bringing about international arbitration and in causing wars to cease.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. T. FREED, Chairman

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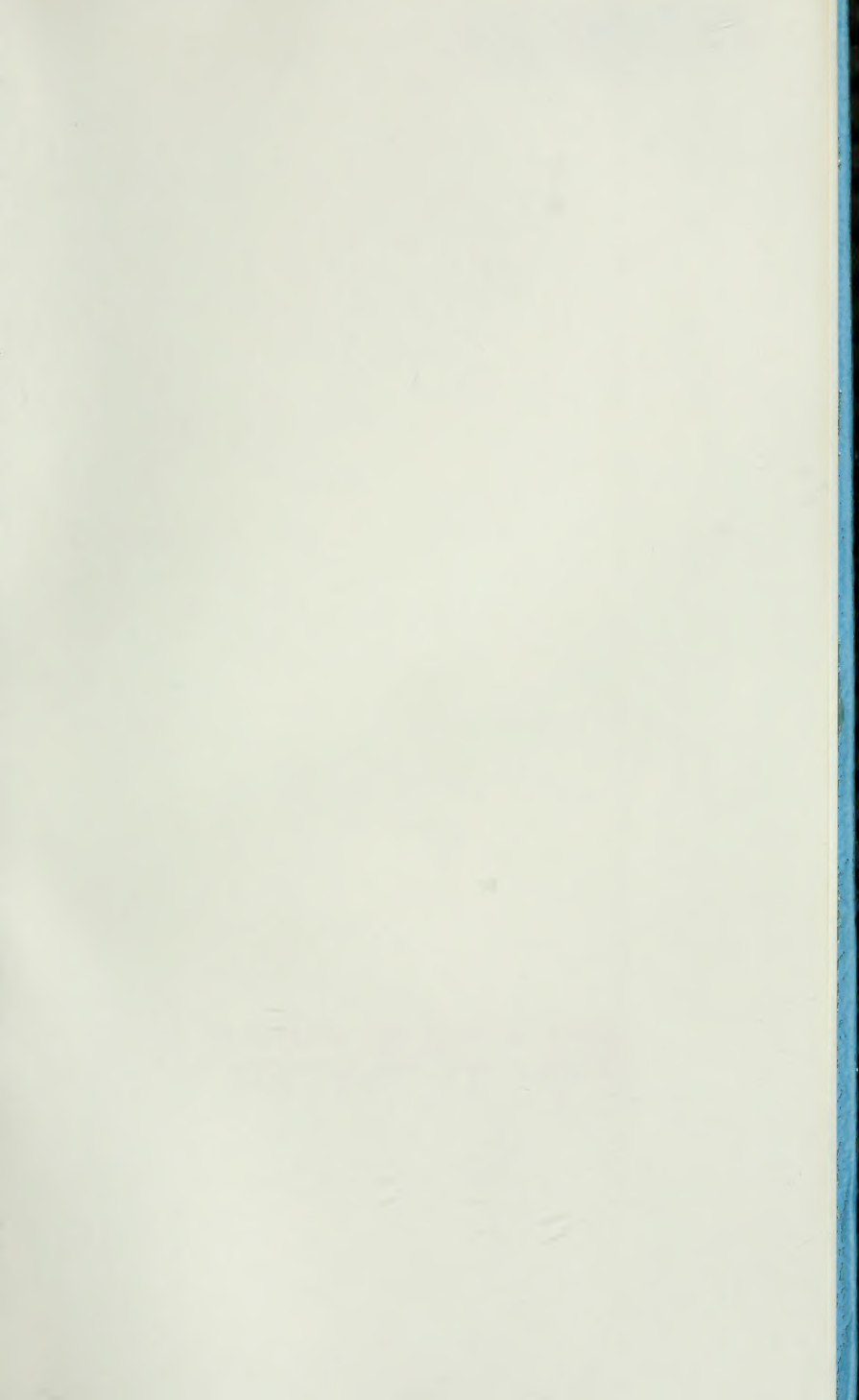
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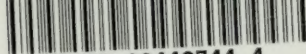
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